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Dear Ms Popa

### **PROPOSED EXPANSION OF HEATHROW AIRPORT**

Thank you for your letter of 4 April and the copy of your previous letter of 6 February. In this you describe the context of the Davies Review of Airport Capacity, make a number of points re the appraisal techniques being employed and request that the County Council seek to achieve the best outcome for its residents.

The County Council does not currently have a formal policy on the proposals being put forward by either Heathrow Airport Ltd or Heathrow Hub. As you are aware the Davies Commission has only produced its Interim recommendations so far. These, as you quote, do include the Heathrow expansion option albeit with two alternatives. We are continuing to monitor these closely.

Buckinghamshire County Council is a member of the Strategic Aviation Special Interest Group of the Local Government Association (SASIG) and I can reassure you that the county council did contribute to the formal response on the appraisal framework submitted via SASIG; available at <http://www.sasig.org.uk/category/freepublications/>.

Our stance will depend on an understanding of the impact on Buckinghamshire and its residents. This must take a balanced view of both the impact on the local environment and the impact on the local and national economy should sufficient airport capacity not be available in coming decades. The Buckinghamshire economy as well as the west London and Berkshire economies relies on a prosperous Heathrow Airport. Many jobs and family incomes are associated with the presence of Heathrow Airport.

Whatever the final decision I am absolutely determined that we will of course argue for the maximum environmental mitigation and infrastructure provision on behalf of Buckinghamshire residents.



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I am copying this to my Cabinet Members for both Planning and Environment and Transportation so that they are aware of your concerns and can be involved in future developments.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martin Tett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

**Martin Tett**  
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c.c. Mrs Lesley Clarke - Cabinet Member for Planning and Environment  
Mrs Ruth Vigor-Hedderly - Cabinet Member for Transportation  
Rt Hon Dominic Grieve MP