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Dear Mr Tett

Re: Proposed airport expansion at Heathrow

I am writing regarding the ongoing review by the Airports Commission to assess the three options for aviation expansion, two of which are proposed for Heathrow: one by Heathrow Airport Ltd (HAL) and one by Heathrow Hub (HH). Both of these proposals will significantly impact on residents in Richings Park, Iver and Thorney from the proposed changes to the road and rail infrastructure.

HAL is proposing major changes to the A4, M4 and M25, whilst HH is proposing a major rail interchange and modifications to the M25. Neither of the developers has taken into consideration the impacts on the local road network, and communities, from construction or operations, or the need for their improvement. Hal has already confirmed that the cost of their proposed road changes were not included in their submission to the Airports Commission.

You will be aware that the scheme proposers are expected to submit their updated designs for their preferred development scheme in May 2014 for the Commission to assess against their appraisal framework. What is of particular concern is that the Airports Commission will separately assess these infrastructure changes when considering the proposed option. It is the residents' view that a holistic approach should be taken to assessing these schemes to determine which is least cost and least harmful, while delivering maximum benefit. Also, there are significant flaws in the appraisal framework in that none of the objectives have measurable criteria against which to assess the schemes. The consultation closes on 28 February and the Airports Commission has only allowed one month in which to review the responses and finalise a framework that needs significant improvement.

I am therefore writing to you to ask for your support in drawing these points to the attention of the Airports Commission and to seek your ongoing support throughout this review of airport expansion to ensure that there is minimum harmful impact to residents in Bucks County from these proposed schemes.

I look forward to a favourable response from you.

Yours sincerely

Ms Lisa Popa

On behalf of Northumberland Walk Residents Association