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Dear Darren + Murad,

Thank you for your letter of 15 December following our meeting to discuss the Committee's report on helicopter noise in London. I felt the meeting was very constructive and productive and I am grateful to the Committee for carrying out this review. I apologise for the delay in replying.

The recommendations were very useful but fairly substantive. As such, as we agreed, it would make sense to take forward the key priorities initially, such as, improving data collection and having a clearer complaints procedure for the public.

I understand that NATS and CAA are already working on the data collection aspect and we should have further information shortly. Officials will keep you informed of progress on this issue. I have also asked officials to liaise with the CAA in the first instance to see what can be done to make the complaints procedure clearer for the public. It would then make sense for all the relevant parties - NATS, CAA, the Department and the Committee - to meet and discuss a way forward on these issues in due course.

Yours sincerely,
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