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Dear Jennette

**Re: Airport capacity**

Thank you for your letter of 7 November outlining the Assembly's position on the question of aviation capacity serving London.

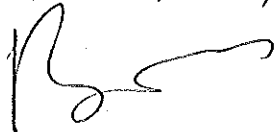
I very much welcome the contribution of the London Assembly to the debate. The unanimous, cross-party agreement against any increase in flights at Heathrow, either through additional runway capacity or a move towards mixed mode operations, clearly demonstrates the strength of feeling amongst Londoners on this issue. As I have said previously, I am keen to work with the Assembly and London Councils to present a clear voice from London in opposition to Heathrow expansion.

However, opposition to a third runway is only half of the answer. London needs new hub airport capacity to support our economy. Therefore, I have recently commissioned Transport for London to undertake further technical work to develop the options for a new hub airport. This work will form the basis of my contribution to the Davies Commission.

I am pleased to hear that you will be engaging with Daniel Moylan, my Aviation Adviser, in the work that the Transport Committee will be undertaking. I look forward to seeing the outcome of that investigation.

Thank you again for writing to me.

Yours ever,



**Boris Johnson**  
Mayor of London