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Dear Mr Johnson

Thank you for your letter of 13 December 2013, regarding an agreed London Assembly motion.

The Airports Commission published its interim report on 17th December 2013, in which it announced that it will be taking forward for further detailed study proposals for new runways at 2 locations.

In the second phase of its work, from now until the publication of its final report in the summer of 2015, the designs for the short-listed proposals will be further developed and subjected to a more detailed assessment. There will be a consultation on the short-listed options and associated appraisal results in the autumn 2014.

The Commission will publish a draft Appraisal Framework for consultation early in 2014. This will set out detail of how scheme designs should be developed and how scheme impacts will be appraised.

The Commission will also set out early in 2014 more detail of how it will take forward further analysis of the option for a new hub airport in the Thames Estuary.

Please let me encourage your ongoing participation in the Commission's work and for more information and to read all the documents published by the Commission, please go to https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/airports-commission

Yours Sincerely

Sir Howard Davies, Chair

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