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Dear Mr Wheadon

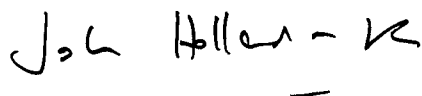
Thank you for your letter dated 29th September regarding the current airspace trials.

I'm sure you're aware that the trials are being driven by the Government's Future Airspace Strategy. Like all other airports, we're legally bound to submit proposals to improve our own surrounding airspace for implementation by 2020. The trials are being done to learn more about our surrounding airspace and how we can get better performance from modern aircraft and navigation technologies.

The response we've had to the current round of airspace trials has been far stronger than earlier trials we've run. It's clear that we need to be doing more to communicate about why we're doing them. Before the trials began last year we held briefings with many local organisations including neighbouring local authorities and MPs, but we need to extend this further afield.

We have committed to publicise any future trials much more widely than we have in the past. We would be delighted to take up your offer to plan how we can engage residents and councillors in your borough on these important matters. Nigel Milton, Director of External Affairs will be in touch with your office over the next few days to set up a meeting.

Yours sincerely



John Holland-Kaye
Chief Executive Officer