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Dear Councillor Hayes,

Thank you for your letter of 10 November to Rory Stewart about the Lakeside Energy from Waste facility and the Northwest runway at Heathrow. I have been asked to reply.

I have sought information from the Department of Transport in order to address the points you have raised. As you know, the Airports Commission submitted a final report to Government at the start of July which recommended that a new runway at Heathrow would best meet the future airport capacity needs in the South East. The report and associated documents contain a great deal of detailed information about the Commission's appraisal of its short-listed runway schemes at Heathrow and at Gatwick and the Department for Transport is in the process of reviewing the Airports Commission's report and its recommendations.

In its assessment of a new Northwest runway at Heathrow, the Commission identified the impact on the waste facility at Colnbrook and indicated that it would need to be removed and replaced if a Northwest runway was taken forward. As well as noting how big a task this would be, the Commission's report also noted that Heathrow Airport Ltd has already started engagement with the owners on this.

Ministers have not yet reached any conclusions on the Airports Commission's report, but any decision about new airport capacity would be subject to public consultation where all interested parties would be able to offer their views, so please be assured that you would have further opportunities to make representations. However, noting where we are now in the decision-making process, it would not be appropriate to comment in any more detail.

Yours sincerely,

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