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Dear Mr Khan,

**Draft New London Plan – T8 Aviation.**

I am writing to you regarding the Draft New London Plan.

West Sussex County Council has submitted a response to your Draft London Plan consultation. As the Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure, I also wanted to respond specifically to the Plan’s position on aviation.

West Sussex County Council has an established position regarding Gatwick expansion: we support Gatwick’s continued development as a single runway, two terminal airport, but we do not believe that the case has been made for a second runway.

Although we understand your concerns over the possible environmental and social implications of Heathrow expansion, Government has decided that Heathrow is the right place for additional airport capacity in the South East. It is therefore disappointing that the Draft New London Plan is seeking to reopen this debate.

Rather than seeking to press for the resurrection of the option of a second runway at Gatwick, which would significantly delay the increased airport capacity which is needed, as the debate over the costs and benefits of Heathrow vs Gatwick is re-run, we believe that the New London Plan and accompanying transport strategies should prepare for the growth of Heathrow. It should identify options for mitigating the environmental challenges, of Heathrow expansion, while seeking to maximise the economic and social benefits.

Given their interest in Gatwick expansion, I am copying my letter to West Sussex MPs and the West Sussex district and borough leaders.

Yours sincerely,

Bob Lanzer  
**Cabinet Member for Highways and infrastructure.**