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Aviation Policy Framework
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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing in response to the Department for Transport's scoping document "Developing a Sustainable Framework for UK Aviation" as a Member of Parliament representing a constituency in Kent.

In developing a sustainable framework for UK aviation I would like to align myself with the Government's policy of developing existing airports in the South East. Expanding the capacity of existing airports is cost effective, more sensible and would meet much of the short to mid-term pressures UK aviation capacity faces.

However, I would like to reiterate my opposition to any suggestion that increasing UK aviation capacity can be met by the building of a new airport in the Thames Estuary. This is not a viable solution. Aside from the vast amount of capital such a proposal would require at a time when we can ill afford it, there is strong opposition from local communities throughout Kent and the surrounding areas.

I would be grateful if you could take this into account as part of the consultation process.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracey Crouch".

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