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Dear George

Thames Estuary Airport Proposal

Following recent speculation regarding the Government's aviation policy, I would like to enquire as to the renewed possibility of an airport being built in the Thames Estuary.

There is considerable opposition to the proposal of an airport being built in Thames Estuary in my constituency and across the wider Kent region. As such, I sought clarification from the Secretary of State for Transport regarding the Government's position on the matter, a copy of which I enclose for your reference.

As you will note from the letter, the possibility of an airport in the Thames Estuary is unequivocally ruled out, much to the delight of my constituents and the vast majority of those in the surrounding areas. Therefore it is with some concern and surprise that the possibility of the airport has been recently renewed, in light of such firm assurances from the Secretary of State a matter of months ago.

I would therefore be grateful for your assurances that the proposed Thames Estuary Airport is not seen as a viable policy by the Government.

Yours ever

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Dear Tracey,

Thank you for your letter of 5 October to George Osborne. I am replying as Minister responsible for this policy area and I am sorry for the delay.

As indicated by the Transport Secretary in his letter to you, the Government's policy remains to ensure that the operation of the existing South East airports is improved. There is no current intention to build a new airport in the Thames Estuary. I hope that this clarification is useful.

Yours faithfully

DANNY ALEXANDER