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Dear Philip

Proposed Thames Estuary Airport

I enclose a copy of a letter received by the Leader of Medway Council regarding the proposal by the Mayor of London to build an airport in the Thames Estuary, which is self-explanatory.

This is a proposal that David Cameron ruled out in the run up to the General Election and is one that I and the vast majority of my constituents are also opposed to. I would welcome a commitment from the Department for Transport that the proposal to build a new Airport in the Thames Estuary is not viable and would not be given its support or funding.

Yours ever

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Dear Tracey

Thank you for your letter of 5 July regarding the possibility of an airport in the Thames Estuary.

I can confirm that the Government has no plans to build any new airports in the region. Our aviation policies are firmly focussed on improving existing airports – making our airports better, not bigger.

I hope that this is helpful.

*Yours ever
Philip*

PHILIP HAMMOND