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Aviation Policy Framework
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Dear Sirs,

RE: DEVELOPING A SUSTAINABLE FRAMEWORK FOR UK AVIATION: SCOPING DOCUMENT

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the recently published Aviation Scoping Document which covers a wide variety of issues. The Council of the London Borough of Bromley has an interest in aviation matters as London Biggin Hill Airport falls within its boundaries.

In my capacity as the Chairman of the London Borough of Bromley's Development Control Committee responsible for planning matters, I make the following brief observations.

It is appreciated that the development of this Government's aviation policy is still at a very early stage, and the Scoping Document seeks to define the debate in order to formulate a long term policy for UK aviation. However, it is crucial that a balance is struck between recognising the social and economic benefits of aviation, whilst minimising any harmful environmental impacts, including the adverse effects on amenities of local residents affected by airport operations.

It is acknowledged that London Biggin Hill Airport clearly has a role to play in the local and regional economy. However, its operation must be subject to environmental considerations, including protecting the Green Belt within which it is located. You may be aware that in 1994, this Council entered into a 125 year lease of the airport to Biggin Hill Airport Ltd (BHAL). The lease requires BHAL to manage the airport in accordance with certain obligations and controls on the operation and development of the airport. This includes various operational clauses as well as restricting the number of aircraft movements to 125,000 per annum. This Council would emphasise that any future aviation policy cannot override or alter the terms of the lease between this Council and BHAL.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Peter Dean
Chairman of the Development Control Committee