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Dear Peter

STANSTED G2 PUBLIC INQUIRY

Thank you for your letter of 11 March concerning the Stansted G2 public inquiry. I also refer to the letters from BAA to me of 2 and 9 March.

In my letter of 10 February, and in order to minimise delay, I sought the view of the applicant about their intentions and timescales around the proposed inquiry. They have provided this in the letters referred to above. It is not my role to agree or disagree with the views contained therein as my interest at this time is solely to ensure that the inquiry process can be undertaken as efficiently as possible under the circumstances.

As I made clear in my letter of 10 February, and for the reasons set out therein, there is no chance that the inquiry can start until after the next General Election (the latest date for which is Thursday 3 June). It will be for the new Administration to decide how to take this forward.

A copy of this letter is being sent to BAA for information.

Yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JD", written over a horizontal line.

JOHN DENHAM