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Dear Secretary of State,

Thank you for seeking the Climate Change Committee's advice on amendments to the draft Airports National Policy Statement (ANPS) and the wider role of aviation in meeting cross-economy carbon budgets in the context of Heathrow expansion.

We will publish our advice between 9-16 September. The exact date of publication is dependent on when the draft ANPS is laid in Parliament. I am aware this may fall outside of the ANPS's publication consultation window and so wanted to inform you in advance.

We are in touch with your private office to arrange a meeting in July to discuss the draft ANPS and your plans to ensure that aviation plays its part in meeting the UK's legislated carbon budgets and the 2050 Net Zero target. I would also be happy to meet again in September to discuss our advice. Please let our private office know if you would like to arrange this.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair, Climate Change Committee