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Dear Heidi,

I hope you are well.

The Prime Minister's recent refusal to support a third runway at Heathrow is welcomed, and I am pleased to see that the government seems to be turning away from this white elephant proposal.

Over the past month, we have already seen a delay to the proposed opening date of a third runway, while the Climate Change Committee has reported that a third runway is practically incompatible with the UK's Net Zero targets.

This produces a clear choice for the Prime Minister, to expand Heathrow or to pursue our environmental targets.

The answer seems obvious.

I would be grateful if you could clarify the government's position on a third runway, and if you are unable to unequivocally oppose expansion, could you please clarify what further evidence you are waiting upon before a decision is made?

Yours sincerely

Sarah Olney
Member of Parliament for Richmond Park