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Dear Mr Sanders,

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 – SECTION 78.
APPEAL BY BAA PLC AND STANSTED AIRPORT LTD
APPLICATION REF: UTT/0717/06/FUL
STANSTED AIRPORT, STANSTED, ESSEX, CM24 1QW**

Thank you for your letter of 30 January to Hazel Blears, about the Stansted Airport planning appeal and the implications of the Attitudes to Noise from Aviation Sources in England (ANASE) study, published on 2 November 2007. I apologise for the delay in replying.

This appeal is currently being considered by the Secretaries of State for Communities and Local Government and for Transport. As you are aware, they have received the Inspector's Report into the case and this, along with all the inquiry evidence, will form the basis upon which a decision is made.

I am sure you will appreciate that it is inappropriate for me to comment on the details of the proposal before a decision has been taken. However, I can assure you that full account will be taken of the wide range of issues raised and considered by the planning Inspector. Account will also be taken of the comments in your letter as well as the published ANASE study.

Although this case is not one with a set timetable, we are aware of the need to ensure that a decision is taken in as timely a manner as possible. Copies of this letter will be sent to all Rule 6 parties.

Yours sincerely,



Michael Taylor