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Dear Mr Matthews

Thank you for your letter of 9 June.

I appreciate that in submitting its proposal for a second runway at Stansted BAA claimed to be acting in accordance with Government policy. In our view, as you know, this claim was unfounded, since it was Government policy that full use should be made of the existing runway before a second runway could be considered, and since at present only half of the present runway's capacity is being used. In these circumstances BAA's application was in our view premature.

More important, even if BAA was acting in accordance with the policy of the previous Government this would not justify its refusal to meet the requests set out in my letter of 1 June, which are based on the policy of the present Government. We acknowledge that in withdrawing its G2 application BAA has responded to the present Government's policy, but much more is needed.

At this stage I shall not enter into any more discussion of our three requests, since my main purpose in writing to you is to respond constructively to the final paragraph of your letter, in which you say that you want a good relationship with your neighbours and you express the hope that we can establish a mutually positive relationship in the months and years ahead.

SSE is not, and never has been, anti-airport, and we would be pleased to take part in constructive and meaningful discussions with you on matters of common interest. For such discussions to take place, however, there must be a genuine willingness on all sides to enter into the concerns of the other parties, and in this context your summary dismissal of my three requests is unhelpful. If BAA was prepared to have meaningful discussions on these three issues we would be very pleased not only to take part in such discussions, but also to reciprocate by considering any other issues which BAA might want to raise.

*Patron: Terry Waite CBE*

*Stop Stansted Expansion is a working group of the North West Essex and East Herts Preservation Association*

I hope we can move forward on this basis and look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Sanders". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Peter Sanders  
Chairman

cc Rt Hon Philip Hammond MP  
Rt Hon Eric Pickles MP  
Rt Hon Sir Alan Haselhurst MP