

# MAYOR OF LONDON

**Sir Howard Davies**

Chair  
Airports Commission  
Sanctuary Buildings  
20 Great Smith Street  
London SW1P 3BT

Date: **28 APR 2014**

Dear Sir Howard

**Re: Inner Thames Estuary Feasibility Studies and Appraisal Framework**

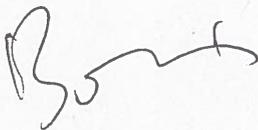
I have fully digested your updated '*Inner Thames Estuary Feasibility Studies*' and '*Appraisal Framework*' documents. I enclose my team's observations on both, which I intend to publish on my [www.newairportforlondon.com](http://www.newairportforlondon.com) website.

I am encouraged to see that some progress has been made in addressing a number of the issues I raised during the consultation process. However, some key considerations, vital to the robustness of your process are still lacking. It is for instance, absolutely essential that potential solutions are assessed in light of their ability to meet our nation's long-term needs. By long-term, I mean at least three decades from now. Furthermore, each of the options which remains on the table must be developed, consulted upon, and assessed together. This includes an Inner Thames Estuary airport option, should you decide to add it to your shortlist in September.

I would also like to take this opportunity to enquire as to the status of a more detailed response to the specific questions raised in my letter to you of 12 February 2014. Many of these issues are reflected in the observations my team have made, and they continue to cause me concern. Your officials promised me a full response at the time, but I am yet to receive this. I would be very grateful for this information, and any reassurances you can provide.

As always, I wish to maintain a clear and constructive dialogue with the Airports Commission. I want to ensure that the final recommendations you make to Government are those which are best able to meet the UK's long-term needs.

Yours ever,



**Boris Johnson**  
Mayor of London

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Enclosed:

1. Mayor of London's response to the Airports Commission's 'Terms of Reference: Inner Thames Estuary Feasibility Studies' document
2. Mayor of London's response to the Airports Commission's 'Airports Commission: Appraisal Framework' document
3. Mayor of London's letter to Sir Howard Davies, February 2014