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Dear James.

BRISTOL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Further to my earlier letter of 18/3/19, I should also emphasize that there is a longstanding issue with the airport relating to road access and the lack of local transport infrastructure. Given the nature of Lulsgate airport (on top of a hill) there is limited possibility for any rail access and so access is either by car or by bus. While the bus service to and from central Bristol has improved markedly over the years, there remains a real difficulty in accessing the airport by road without passing through numerous small villages. This is, in particular, due to the nature of our road network where our main roads, including the M5, the A370 and the A38 all run north to south, with poor east-west communications between them. The inevitable consequence of this has been an increase of traffic through a number of villages, including the village of Tickenham where my wife and I live.

It is clearly beyond the financial reach of either the airport or the local authority to be able to generate the level of infrastructure needed to accommodate an expansion of the level sought in the airport's plan. It will, therefore, involve at least a partnership with central government if the optimal road infrastructure is to be put in place.

There is, of course, an environmental issue created by this increase in road traffic through our villages and acceptance of any airport expansion would be assisted by any measures to mitigate this.

Yours ever,
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