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Dear Liam,

Thank you for your letter of 30 March 2020, enclosing correspondence from your constituent, Mr Philip Suter regarding his concerns about the current consultation on Bristol Airport becoming fully slot 'coordinated'. Thank you also for your letter on 31 March 2020, requesting this consultation be delayed to a much later date.

In response to Mr Suter, I understand there may be concerns of a Government consultation being published about the airport, around the same time that the airport's planning application was being considered. However, I want to assure your constituents that my Department is not deciding on a change to conditions set by the Local Planning Authority, and any decision to designate Bristol Airport as coordinated would not affect the limits set by North Somerset Council.

In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, this consultation has now been extended to Friday 26 June 2020 to allow adequate time for all parties to respond. Given this amended timeline, Bristol Airport's request for designation from Winter 2020/21 season has now been put back to Summer 2021.

I understand that the CEO of Bristol Airport, Dave Lees, has written to you separately on this matter and hope this response and agreed extension provides some assurance to your constituents.

I welcome responses from your constituency and look forward to receiving those in due course.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Grant Shapps', written in a cursive style.

**Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP**

**SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT**