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Dear Sir/Madam

LEEDS BRADFORD – LONDON HEATHROW SERVICE

I understand charges at London Heathrow are currently under review. My specific concern is in respect of charges that apply to the London Heathrow-Leeds Bradford Service, in view of its economic significance to the Region.

My understanding is that the charges at Heathrow are effectively "one size fits all" and they do not take any account of the different economics applicable to a short haul domestic service on the one hand and a long haul international service on the other.

In view of the significance of the London Heathrow Service to the economy of the Region, and the likelihood that bmi may reduce frequency or withdraw the service if the current proposed increases in charges are agreed. I would urge that some flexibility is introduced in order to take account of the very different economics of vital short haul services between Heathrow and the UK regions.

Yours sincerely

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