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Dear Ms Hawes

I am writing from the University of Strathclyde to express the concern that we have about the current inquiry into the competitiveness of the British Airport Authority. Our concern arises from the fact that whilst Heathrow airport is very poorly managed and seriously over stretched, the same is not true for the main international airport here in Glasgow. Changes in the management some years ago at BAA (Glasgow) led to a far better relationship between the airport, the city and the major users of the airport such as ourselves and in the last few years we have been entirely comfortable with the changes in the airport facilities, the plans for expansion, and the plans for enhancing public transport access. Our concern is that in a no doubt laudable effort to deal with the chaos at Heathrow, the review throws out the baby with the bath water and we end up at Glasgow reverting to the same unhappy situation that prevailed before 2002. I would want to emphasise that we do not have any serious concerns about BAA's running of Glasgow airport and we would not wish to see any substantive changes in this part of the world.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Hamnett

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