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Dear Ms. Hawes,

Heathrow and Gatwick Quinquennial Review

Thank you for your letter of 5th April inviting views on matters relating to the above inquiry.

The Consultative Committee is a statutory advisory body representing a wide range of interests at Gatwick Airport. Our membership comprises representation from local authorities, civil aviation, travel agents, passengers, the business community and environmental groups.

While the Committee is not able to offer informed advice on the detail of setting the price caps, it has submitted comments to the CAA for consideration on its initial proposals for the next regulatory regime. Of particular relevance to this inquiry is the majority of the Committee's concern about the indicative range for the price cap for Gatwick.

It is crucial that the price cap set does not inhibit the substantial programme of asset renewal and refurbishment. The renewal of the asset at Gatwick is going to be critical over the period of Q5 and Q6 as passenger throughput is expected to grow from the current 33.5 mppa to 40 mppa. While the Committee is not in a position to advise on the level at which the price cap should be set, Gatwick must be able to deliver its substantial programme of asset renewal and refurbishment and allow for flexibility to meet airlines' changing demands.

I would also advise you that the Committee fully supports the CAA's proposals to improve service quality for passengers, particularly in respect of reducing security queuing times and allowing for increases in security costs to deliver higher standards.

Finally, I confirm that we are content for our views to be published on the your website.

Yours sincerely,

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