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Good evening. As this is a day late I'll be very brief and trust your professionalism to take my views into account.

In my view nothing has changed suggest that this issue should be revisited.

#### COVID

The covid 19 pandemic has reduced the amount of bellyhold capacity on passenger flights, but this is no argument for a new airport as freighters can comfortably use the existing UK airport infrastructure. And as the government is determined to return to business as usual as soon as possible, the former bellyhold capacity will return; amply served by these existing, better placed airports.

#### BREXIT & THE ENVIRONMENT

The government is regularly striking new trade deals, notably with countries on the far side of the globe. At the same time it loudly asserts its environmental credentials and aspirations. To meet the conflicting demands to these two important strands of its policy it must look to achieving the lowest emissions per cargo tonne/mile. This is achieved by surface transport - not by airfreight.

I have to say that I am surprised and disappointed to be required to write on this subject yet again. The planning inspectorate report to the SOS was clear and unambiguous. The subsequent JR was similarly to the point.

A cynical person might smell a rat!

With kind regards and thanks for your attention.

Alan Welcome

Please acknowledge receipt of this communication.