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Dear Chancellor

WORKING GROUP ON RUNWAY CAPACITY TO SERVE THE SOUTH EAST

Thank you for your letter of 14 November.

I note what you say about what people living near Charlwood believe, and about the views of West Sussex County Council. I am also aware of the contents of Cecil Parkinson's statement on publication of the CAA's advice, although I must say that I was not consulted about it beforehand.

I do not think that the government can be bound by the statement of an individual local authority. The position now is that Cecil has circulated to colleagues most closely concerned proposals for the terms of reference of the proposed working group. I shall be writing to him separately about them, but it is in any case clear from what he proposes that the option of a second runway at Gatwick is to be assessed fully and fairly by the group. I am sure that that is right.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, Cabinet Colleagues, Tim Renton, Bertie Denham and Sir Robin Butler.

Yours sincerely
Rosalind Wr.

(Approved by the Secretary of State
and signed in his absence.)



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