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The Rt Hon Mark Harper MP
Secretary of State for Transport
Department for Transport
33 Horseferry Road
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9 May 2023

Dear Mark,

Re: Night Flights Consultation

I am writing in response to the Department for Transport's (DfT) consultation on night-time noise abatement objectives. I write in my capacity as Member of Parliament for Esher and Walton constituency. My comments relate exclusively to Heathrow Airport.

DfT is seeking views on new night flight regulations for Heathrow. In my consultation response I am calling for:

- **Legally binding targets to reduce the negative impact of aviation noise on my constituents.**
- **Local authorities to have more say in holding Heathrow to account on meeting these targets.**
- **Stronger enforcement to protect my constituents from operators flouting the night flight rules.**

Please find my full response enclosed.

As Member of Parliament, I have represented many constituents whose family and working lives have been disrupted by sleep disturbance caused by night flights.

The next night flight regime must be more ambitious than the current regime, afford greater protections to my constituents, and empower the local community in Elmbridge to hold Heathrow to account for night-time disturbance.

I look forward to engaging with you further on this issue as the consultation progresses. I would be grateful if you could please keep me informed of your approach.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dominic Raab".

Dominic Raab MP