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*D. Nick,*

Thank you for your letter of 27 November 2017 on behalf of your constituent ~~Mr Nick Hurd MP, Conservative Party, Kingsmead, Molesey, Middlesex, TW20 9BA~~ about the size of civilian aircraft that can be operated from RAF Northolt.

Please assure your constituent that as I fully explained in the Westminster Hall debate of 13 September about the future of RAF Northolt, the Department does not intend to operate bigger commercial aircraft from the Station. The same stringent terms and conditions on civil movements currently in place will remain.

The project to upgrade the runway end safety features and extend the life of the main runway pavement is to ensure the station can accept large military aircraft such as the C-17, the Atlas A400M and the medium sized transport aircraft of our allies, similar to our own BAE 146, which although a civilian design, is used by the RAF.

I hope this explains the position.

Yours sincerely,

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