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Dear Ms Jani,

Support for the Heathrow Expansion

On behalf of WYCA and Leeds City Region LEP, we are writing to express our support for a Heathrow Logistics Hub to be based in our region. Two schemes have been proposed, both of which would be beneficial to our City Region economy, and the opportunities for Heathrow are extensive.

The schemes fit with the Leeds City Region Strategic Economic Plan's vision for 'good growth' in our economy and supports the delivery of 36,000 extra jobs and £3.7bn of economic output by 2036. Economic productivity in the Leeds City Region is considered 90% of the UK average and is growing at a slower pace than elsewhere. With schemes such as the Logistics Hub we have the potential to improve the productivity gap.

The location of the Logistics Hub will both support the growth of our airport as a key piece of strategic infrastructure, and support our strong logistics and distribution sector.

Leeds City Region has over 67,000 people employed in Logistics and Distribution (1.6% of total employment) which is the most people employed in the sector outside London and the South East, and a further 5,360 logistics and distribution firms. Leeds City Region has the largest manufacturing employment concentration in the UK, with more people working in manufacturing and advanced manufacturing than any other region. The scale of this sector in our region means locating here puts you at the heart of a supply chain.

Yours sincerely,



Cllr Peter Box
Chair, West Yorkshire Combined Authority



Roger Marsh OBE
Chair, Leeds City Region Local Enterprise
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