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Competition Commission
BAA London Airports Inquiry
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Dear Sirs

Leeds Bradford – London Heathrow Service

Following information received from Leeds Bradford International Airport, Selby District Council, at its meeting on 4 September asked me to write to you directly seeking flexibility in charging at London Heathrow.

The District Council understands that charges at London Heathrow are currently under review and has specific concern in respect of charges that apply to the London Heathrow-Leeds Bradford service, in view of its significance to the Region.

The District Council understands that the charges at Heathrow are effectively “one size fits all” and does not take account of the different economics applicable to a short haul domestic service on the one hand and a long haul international service on the other.

In view of the significance of the London Heathrow service to the economy of the Region, and the likelihood that BMI may reduce frequency or withdraw the



service if the current proposed increases in charges are agreed, the District Council would urge that some flexibility is introduced in order to take account of the very difference economics of vital short haul services between Heathrow and the UK regions.

Yours sincerely

M Connor
Chief Executive