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Dear Paul

Thank you for your letter of 8 July to the Secretary of State about Western Rail Link to Heathrow scheme. I am replying as the Minister responsible for rail.

As you will appreciate, these are early days for the new Government, and we are considering our position on future rail investments in the context of our critical missions and the availability of public finances. I am grateful to you for writing in on this subject and highlighting your support for the scheme.

Yours sincerely,

LORD HENDY OF RICHMOND HILL

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RAIL