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**Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP** Secretary of State for Transport Department of Transport 5/13, Great Minster House 33 Horseferry Road London SW1P 4DR

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Dear Secretary of State

Thank you for your letter of 1 December 2020. I welcome the clarity on your priorities for the Civil Aviation Authority in the coming period and share your view of the importance of a safe, secure aviation industry, delivering for consumers enabled by an effective, capable regulator.

I look forward to the opportunity to discuss my views of the CAA's current position and where we may be able to go further across the different priorities when we meet on 10 December. Following that meeting, I should like to set out a more detailed response, which could be published alongside your own letter to ensure transparency.

Yours sincerely

Sir Stephen Hillier, GCB CBE DFC CHAIR