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Dear Peter & Daniel,

East of England APPG House of Commons

Following Peter's meeting with me on 19 December, I am writing in response to the interest Peter expressed on behalf of the East of England APPG in train service levels to Stansted Airport.

I recognise the importance of service frequency for customers travelling to London Stansted Airport. Greater Anglia is working closely with Network Rail and Manchester Airport Group, which manages London Stansted Airport, and continues to monitor passenger demand to ensure service levels are adequate.

At present, new trains on the Stansted service are providing sufficient capacity throughout the day. Any change to the current service level will be dependent on sufficient passenger demand and a positive financial case to do so.

On 14 July 2021, the Department published the <u>Transport Decarbonisation</u> <u>Plan</u>. The Plan covers all areas of transport and includes measures to encourage greater use of public transport and active travel. Please be assured I remain committed to ensuring that passengers have the option of sustainable public transport when travelling to airports.

Thank you again for raising the concerns of the East of England APPG with me. I hope you find this reply helpful.

Yours ever,

NAC

HUW MERRIMAN MP MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT