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Charging Framework for the Heathrow Spur. Consultation on Proposals and Invitation to Comment.

Dear John,

I am pleased to include below my response to the above consultation. I phoned the ORR office on 11/2/16 and indicated that I would prefer to respond to this consultation by post, (rather than by email), and it was agreed that it would be OK for me to respond in this way.

I am commenting on this document as a member of the public. The issues raised seem somewhat complicated. I do not have expertise in terms of legal interpretation, however it seems reasonable to me that (as outlined in paragraph 6 of the consultation document) Heathrow Airport Limited should be able to "...levy a charge to recover the historical capital costs of constructing, in particular, the tracks, tunnels and stations comprising the Heathrow Spur (the Historical Long-Term Costs)". As HAL have gone to the trouble to create the infrastructure it seems reasonable that HAL should be able to recoup the cost of providing that infrastructure.

Yours sincerely