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Via email: Sophie.Shields@dft.gov.uk

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Dear Ministers

Thank you for your letter of 1 April 2025, outlining the formal summary of actions for the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) to prioritise in the Uncrewed Aerial System (UAS) sector, which will support and accelerate growth.

As you are aware, enabling aerospace remains a key focus area for the CAA and we are in agreement that immediate action in the six areas referenced in your letter will both accelerate government priorities and create a significant boost for industry in the UAS sector.

The CAA has already taken steps to begin additional work in these areas and we would like to thank colleagues at RIO and the Department for Transport for their collaboration and insight. Their assistance has been invaluable in helping the CAA identify which areas would benefit from the most immediate attention to accelerate this programme and we look forward to our continued collaboration. Together we will be able to push these priorities forward at a greater pace.

We look forward to providing you a further update within the next eight weeks, advising you of the progress to date and projected timelines for further action.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Rob Bishton", written over a horizontal line.

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