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We discussed this earlier – many thanks for agreeing to provide a DfT contribution for BIS's response. I'd suggest the following brief lines to use :

[We / The Government] appreciate[s] that BAe Systems' announcement in April that Filton Airfield is to close at the end of 2012 will be a matter of great regret and concern for the people and business community in and around Bristol. Ultimately, however, this has been a decision by the airfield's operator, based on its assessment of the airfield's commercial and economic viability.

Any decisions about the continued use of Filton Airfield for aviation purposes after 2012 will be commercial ones for the operator and landowner, and will be subject to the normal local planning process.

Hope this is OK but happy to discuss...

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