



The Inquiry Manager (Airports market inquiry)
Competition Commission
Victoria House
Southampton House
LONDON
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Dear Sirs,

Scottish Chambers of Commerce (SCC) has read and noted the provisional findings of the Competition Commission in respect of its inquiry into BAA's ownership of UK airports.

SCC does not agree with the Commission's assessment that the sale of one of BAA's Scottish Airports would have a significant effect on competition in the Scottish air transport market. Unlike the situation with Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted Airports, all of which serve the city of London, BAA's three Scottish Airports at Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Glasgow each service distinct marketplaces centred on their respective city-regions. The London and Scottish Airport markets are therefore not comparable, and we believe that this is borne out by the market analyses carried out by both the CAA and by ORC International on behalf of the Commission.

For this reason, and for others previously outlined in submissions to the Commission by Scottish Chambers of Commerce, we oppose the provisional finding by the Commission that BAA should be required to put either Glasgow or Edinburgh Airport up for sale.

Yours faithfully,

Garry Clark
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