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DUNDEE GATEWAY TO EUROPE

Ian Hudghton MEP (Scottish National Party) has added his support to the expansion of ScotAirways services between Dundee and London. The MEP who commutes to the European Parliament in Brussels and Strasbourg each week, but whose home is in Forfar, regularly uses the Dundee/London flight as the first leg of his journey to Strasbourg and says that the relief felt on being able to land in Dundee, leaving only a short drive home, is “worth its weight in gold”.

Mr Hudghton, whose office is in Dundee said:

"When you've returned from a tiring week in the European Parliament, the last thing you need is a drive of over 70 miles back from Edinburgh - particularly if you happen to arrive during the rush-hour, or face icy road conditions. It is such a relief to arrive in Dundee and know that you're within an ace of home.

I know many people who live in Dundee and its hinterland who are required to travel regularly to the cities of Europe for meetings and so on. Like me, they will welcome the commitment ScotAirways has shown to the 'greater Dundee' area by expanding services on the Dundee/London link. Having an air link to London is worth its weight in gold and I welcome the greater options on offer to travellers, with ScotAirways' expanded timetable.

Of course, my long-term hope is for Dundee to have direct links to continental Europe. We need to raise our sights higher and not always to assume that journeys furth of the UK have to be channelled through Edinburgh, Glasgow, or London. The introduction of a direct flight from Dundee to Brussels would really open this city and its hinterland to the institutions of the European Union, and I would hope that this could become the next step in developing Dundee's role as a gateway to Europe."

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