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Dear Sir

In defence of the Mayor I would point out that former Town Councillor Brian Champion wrote to me, not the Mayor, asking if the Mayor would act to help persuade the Secretary of State to call in Lydd Airport's expansion planning permission (letters 11 June).

I am sorry if I appeared a little vague when Mr Champion followed up his letter at the Town Hall. It can be difficult receiving visitors, answering the phone and responding to emails when only one of us is in the office. Additionally, at this time of the year parish and town council staff are preoccupied with various annual returns, annual accounts, audits and other end of year activities with statutory deadlines. I apologise to anyone else awaiting a reply from the Town Hall.

In response to Mr Champion's visit I took the liberty of placing the matter on a Council committee agenda. I am sure he will have noticed elsewhere in the Observer that Members decided to support the expansion, principally on the grounds that it would create much needed employment opportunities in the area.

I can assure Mr Champion that if he does hear fiddle music emanating from the Town Hall it will be being played as part of a wedding or civil partnership ceremony (booking details available on request).

Yours faithfully

Richard Farhall
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