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Meeting

Your Ref:

Our Ref: TR020005

Date: 8 March 2024

Dear Sir/ Madam

Planning Act 2008 – Section 89; and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rules 8, 9 and 13

Application by Gatwick Airport Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Gatwick Airport Northern Runway Project

Examination Timetable and procedure, and Notification of Hearings

This letter (the Rule 8 letter) provides important information about the examination of this application. The letter includes information about:

- The Examination Timetable.
- An invitation to submit Written Representations.
- Other Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority.
- Format of Examination events.
- Notification of Hearings.
- Managing Examination correspondence.
- Your status in the Examination.
- The award of costs.
- Management of information.

All documentation associated with this Examination, including a note of the Preliminary Meeting and the recording of that meeting, can be viewed under the [‘Documents’ tab](#) on the [project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website](#).

The Examination Timetable

The Examining Authority (ExA) has made a Procedural Decision about the way the application will be examined. The final Examination Timetable is attached at **Annex A** to this letter.

The Examination Timetable replaces the draft timetable that was included in our [Rule 6 letter](#). In finalising the Examination Timetable, we have sought to accommodate requests and suggestions made orally or in writing to the Preliminary Meeting. These include the holding of an Issue Specific Hearing (ISH) to consider Climate Change on Tuesday 30 April 2024, and the scheduling of certain events towards the end of this week as requested by local authorities to avoid potential clashes with local elections as far as possible.

Please note that the Examination Timetable contains a number of deadlines for receipt of information by the Planning Inspectorate. All deadlines are at 23:59 on the date specified. Please ensure submissions arrive by the deadline. If you do not make your submissions by the dates specified in the timetable, we may disregard them.

We request that all Interested Parties make their submissions using the [‘Have your say’ tab](#) on the project webpage on or before the applicable deadline. **Annex E** to this letter provides further information about using the ‘Have your say’ tab.

If we consider it necessary to vary the Examination Timetable during the Examination, notification will be sent to Interested Parties, Statutory Parties and Other Persons invited to the Preliminary Meeting. The changes will be published on the [project webpage](#).

Written Representations

All Interested Parties are now invited to submit Written Representations. These should be submitted by **Deadline 1 (Tuesday 12 March 2024)** in the Examination Timetable. All Interested Parties are also invited to submit any comments on the Relevant Representations already submitted by **Deadline 1**.

Written Representations can cover any relevant matter and are not restricted to the matters set out in our [Initial Assessment of Principal Issues](#).

Any person, other than the Applicant, who submits a Written Representation must identify those parts of the application with which they agree and those parts with which they do not agree, explaining the reasons why. Interested Parties should also provide with their Written Representations any data, methodology and assumptions used to support their submissions to avoid delays in the Examination (see paragraph 74 of [Planning Act 2008: Guidance for the examination of applications for development consent](#)).

We have requested further types of written submissions at various points in the Examination (see **Annex A**).

Any Written Representations and any further written submissions requested during the Examination, that exceed 1500 words, should also be accompanied by a summary which should not exceed 10% of the original text. The summary should set out the key facts of the written submission and must be representative of the submission made.

Representations **must not include hyperlinks** to documents/ evidence hosted on third-party websites. Please see the Planning Inspectorate’s [Advice Note 8.4: The Examination](#) for further information about Written Representations.

Other Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority

Annex B to this letter contains important details and clarifications about other Procedural Decisions we made at, or following, the Preliminary Meeting. These include:

- Changes to the Examination Timetable;
- Additional Submissions;
- Change request; and
- Procedural Decision regarding the Applicant's notice period for Hearings.

Format of Examination events

Both blended (part in-person and part virtual) and fully virtual events form part of the Planning Inspectorate's operating model. We remain flexible and will confirm the format of any Hearings when we provide formal notification of each Hearing at least 21 days in advance of it taking place.

Notification of Hearings

As explained in our [Rule 6 letter](#) and at the Preliminary Meeting, the Examination will principally be a written process (see [Advice Note 8.4: The Examination](#)), supplemented where necessary by various types of Hearings (see [Advice Note 8.5: The Examination: hearings and site inspections](#)).

We have made a Procedural Decision to hold the following Hearings:

- **Issue Specific Hearing 6 (ISH6) on Climate Change.** Tuesday 30 April 2024 from 10:00am.
- **Issue Specific Hearing 7 (ISH7) on Other Environmental Matters (topics to be confirmed).** Wednesday 1 May 2024 from 10:00am.
- **Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 (CAH1).** Thursday 2 May 2024 from 10:00am.
- **Open Floor Hearing 3 (OFH3) (if required).** Thursday 2 May 2024 from 2:00pm.

Annex C provides details about what Interested Parties should include in a request to be heard at a Hearing, and the procedure that will be followed at Hearings.

Managing Examination correspondence

Given the volume and frequency of letters the Planning Inspectorate needs to send to Interested Parties during an Examination, we aim to communicate with people by email as electronic communication is more environmentally friendly and cost effective for the taxpayer.

If you have received a letter from the Planning Inspectorate but are able to receive communications by email, please inform the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter as soon as possible.

As the Examination process makes substantial use of electronic documents, it will be useful for you to become familiar with the [project webpage](#).

There is also a 'Get updates' tab on the left-hand side of the project webpage. This provides you with an opportunity to register to receive automatic email updates at key stages during the Examination.

Your status in the Examination

You have received this letter because you fall within one of the groups described in the Planning Inspectorate's document [What is My Status in the Examination?](#)

If your reference number begins with '2004', 'GATW-0', 'GATW-ISP', 'GATW-AFP', 'GATW-S57' or 'GATW-APP' you are in Group A. If your reference number begins with 'GATW-SP' you are in Group B. If your reference number begins with 'GATW-OP' you are in Group C. The meaning and purpose of those groups are explained in the document published at the link above.

If having read this document you are still unsure about your status, please contact the Case Team using the details at the top of this letter.

Awards of costs

All parties will normally be expected to meet their own costs. Costs can be awarded against a party who has acted unreasonably and has caused the party applying for the award of costs to incur unnecessary or wasted expense during the Examination. You should be aware of the relevant costs guidance [Awards of costs: examinations of applications for development consent orders](#), which also includes details on the costs awards related to Compulsory Acquisition.

Management of information

Information, including representations, submitted in respect of this Examination (if accepted by the ExA) and a record of any advice which has been provided by the Planning Inspectorate is published on the [project webpage](#).

Examination documents can also be viewed electronically at the locations listed in **Annex D** to this letter.

Please note that in the interest of facilitating an effective and fair Examination, it is necessary to publish some personal information. To find out how we handle your personal information please view our [Privacy Notice](#).

We look forward to working with all parties in the examination of this application.

Yours faithfully

Kevin Gleeson

Lead Member of the Examining Authority

Annexes

- A** Examination Timetable
- B** Other Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority
- C** Notification of Hearings and requests to participate
- D** Availability of Examination documents
- E** How to make a submission at the Examination stage using the 'Have your say' tab

This communication does not constitute legal advice.

Please view our [Privacy Notice](#) before sending information to the Planning Inspectorate.

Examination Timetable

The Examining Authority (ExA) is under a duty to **complete** the examination of the application by the end of the period of six months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.

The examination of the application primarily takes the form of the consideration of written submissions. The ExA will also consider any oral representations made at Hearings.

Any deadline items that are new or have been substantially amended since the publication of the draft Examination Timetable in the Rule 6 letter have been **underlined in bold**.

Item	Matters	Date
1.	<p>Procedural Deadline A</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written submissions on Examination procedure, including any submissions about the draft Examination Timetable. • Requests to be heard orally at the Preliminary Meeting (PM), including which agenda items you wish to speak on, and why your points need to be made orally rather than in writing. • Requests by Interested Parties (IP) to participate in the Open Floor Hearings on 28 February 2024. • Requests by IPs to participate in the Issue Specific Hearings between 29 February and 6 March 2024. • Applicant's submission of the Land Rights Tracker. • Suggested locations for Site Inspections, including the reason for nomination, issues to be observed there, and whether the location(s) can be accessed using public highways. 	<p>Tuesday 6 February 2024</p>
2.	<p>Preliminary Meeting (PM)</p>	<p>Tuesday 27 February 2024 10:00am</p>
3.	<p>Open Floor Hearing 1 (OFH1).</p>	<p>Wednesday 28 February 2024 10:00am</p>
4.	<p>Open Floor Hearing 2 (OFH2).</p>	<p>Wednesday 28 February 2024 6:00pm</p>

5.	Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) on the Case for the Proposed Development.	Thursday 29 February 2024 10:00am
6.	Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2) on Control Documents/ the Development Consent Order.	Friday 1 March 2024 9:30am (AM only)
7.	Issue Specific Hearing 3 (ISH3) on Socio-economics.	Tuesday 5 March 2024 10:00am
8.	Issue Specific Hearing 4 (ISH4) on Surface Transport.	Tuesday 5 March 2024 2:00pm
9.	Issue Specific Hearing 5 (ISH5) on Aviation Noise.	Wednesday 6 March 2024 10:00am
10.	Reserved for continuation of ISHs 1 to 5 (if required).	Wednesday 6 March 2024 2:00pm
11.	Accompanied Site Inspection 1 (ASI1).	Thursday 7 March 2024 10:00am
12.	Issue by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Examination Timetable. 	As soon as practicable following the Preliminary Meeting
13.	Deadline 1 For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post-Hearing submissions, including written summaries of oral submissions to the Hearings held between 28 February and 6 March 2024. Comments on Relevant Representations. Written Representations (WR). Summaries of WRs exceeding 1500 words. Local Impact Reports (LIR) from any local authorities. 	Tuesday 12 March 2024

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on any responses to section 51 advice or Pre-examination Procedural Decisions submitted by the Applicant before the PM. • Comments on any Additional Submissions accepted at the discretion of the ExA. • Comments on the Applicant's Land Rights Tracker. • Requests by IPs to participate in a further Open Floor Hearing. • Requests by Affected Persons to participate in a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing. • Notification by Statutory Parties of their wish to be considered as an IP. • Notification of wish to have future correspondence delivered electronically, including confirmation of email address. • Initial Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) requested by the ExA (see Annex F to the Rule 6 letter). • Statement of Commonality for SoCGs. • Applicant's draft itinerary for a further Accompanied Site Inspection (if held). • Applicant's updated Book of Reference (BoR) and Schedule of Changes to the BoR (if required) in clean and tracked versions. • Applicant's updated Navigation Document in clean and tracked versions. • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. 	
14.	<p>Deadline 2</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on the Applicant's draft itinerary for a further Accompanied Site Inspection (if held). • Updated Principal Areas of Disagreement Summary Statements (PADSS). • Draft legal agreement(s). • Applicant's updated Navigation Document in clean and tracked versions. 	Tuesday 26 March 2024

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. Comments on any further information/ submissions received by Deadline 1. 	
15.	Publication by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ExA's Written Questions (ExQ1). 	Thursday 28 March 2024
16.	Deadline 3 For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responses to ExQ1. <u>WRs on the Applicant's proposal to amend its Development Consent Order (DCO) application.</u> <u>Summaries of WRs submitted at Deadline 3 exceeding 1500 words.</u> Comments on WRs <u>submitted by Deadline 1.</u> Comments on LIRs. Progressed draft legal agreement(s) and/ or an update on progress. Applicant's updated draft DCO in clean and tracked versions. Applicant's Schedule of Changes to the draft DCO. Applicant's first update to the Land Rights Tracker. Applicant's updated Navigation Document in clean and tracked versions. Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. Comments on any further information/ submissions received by Deadline 2. 	Friday 19 April 2024
17.	Issue Specific Hearing 6 (ISH6) on Climate Change (see Annex C to this letter).	Tuesday 30 April 2024 10:00am
18.	Issue Specific Hearing 7 (ISH7) on Other Environmental Matters (topics to be confirmed) (see Annex C to this letter).	Wednesday 1 May 2024 10:00am
19.	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 (CAH1) (see Annex C to this letter).	Thursday 2 May 2024

		10:00am
20.	Open Floor Hearing 3 (OFH3) (if required) (see Annex C to this letter).	Thursday 2 May 2024 2:00pm
21.	Date reserved for a further Accompanied Site Inspection (if required).	Friday 3 May 2024 10:00am
22.	<p>Deadline 4</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-Hearing submissions, including written summaries of oral submissions to the Hearings held during w/c 29 April 2024. • Comments on responses to ExQ1. • <u>Comments on WRs submitted by Deadline 3.</u> • Applicant's updated Navigation Document in clean and tracked versions. • Comments on the Applicant's first update to the Land Rights Tracker. • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. • Comments on any further information/ submissions received by Deadline 3. 	Wednesday 15 May 2024
23.	<p>Deadline 5</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated PADSSs. • Progressed SoCGs. • Progressed Statement of Commonality for SoCGs. • Applicant's updated BoR and Schedule of Changes to the BoR (if required) in clean and tracked versions. • Applicant's second update to the Land Rights Tracker. • Applicant's updated Navigation Document in clean and tracked versions. • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. • Comments on any further information/ submissions received by Deadline 4. 	Thursday 6 June 2024

24.	<p>Hearings</p> <p>Dates reserved for any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue Specific Hearing(s) (if required). • Open Floor Hearing(s) (if required). • Compulsory Acquisition Hearing(s) (if required). 	w/c 17 June 2024
25.	<p>Deadline 6</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-Hearing submissions, including written summaries of oral submissions to the Hearings held during w/c 17 June 2024 (if held). • Progressed draft legal agreement(s) and/ or an update on progress. • Applicant's updated draft DCO in clean and tracked versions. • Applicant's Schedule of Changes to the draft DCO. • Applicant's updated Navigation Document in clean and tracked versions. • Comments on the Applicant's second update to the Land Rights Tracker. • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. • Comments on any further information/ submissions received by Deadline 5. 	Wednesday 26 June 2024
26.	<p>Publication by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ExA's Further Written Questions (ExQ2) (if required). 	Monday 1 July 2024
27.	<p>Deadline 7</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to ExQ2 (if issued). • Applicant's third update to the Land Rights Tracker. • Applicant's updated Navigation Document in clean and tracked versions. • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. 	Monday 15 July 2024

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments on any further information/ submissions received by Deadline 6. 	
28.	<p>Publication by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) and any associated questions (if required). 	Thursday 25 July 2024
29.	<p>Hearings</p> <p>Dates reserved for any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue Specific Hearing(s) (if required). Open Floor Hearing(s) (if required). Compulsory Acquisition Hearing(s) (if required). 	w/c 29 July 2024
30.	<p>Deadline 8</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post-Hearing submissions, including written summaries of oral submissions to the Hearings held during w/c 29 July 2024 (if held). Comments on responses to ExQ2 (if issued). Progressed draft legal agreement(s) and/ or an update on progress. Applicant's updated draft DCO in clean and tracked versions. Applicant's Schedule of Changes to the draft DCO. Applicant's updated Navigation Document in clean and tracked versions. Comments on the Applicant's third update to the Land Rights Tracker. Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. Comments on any further information/ submissions received by Deadline 7. 	Wednesday 7 August 2024
31.	<p>Publication by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ExA's proposed schedule of changes to the draft DCO (if required). 	Wednesday 14 August 2024
32.	<p>Deadline 9</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responses to the RIES (if issued). 	Wednesday 21 August 2024

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to the ExA's proposed schedule of changes to the draft DCO (if issued). • Finalised PADSSs. • Finalised SoCGs. • Finalised Statement of Commonality for SoCGs. • List of matters not agreed where any SoCG could not be finalised. • Signed and dated legal agreement(s). • Applicant's final draft DCO (Microsoft Word) in clean and tracked versions. • Applicant's final draft DCO (PDF) in clean and tracked versions. • Applicant's final draft DCO to be submitted in the SI template with the SI template validation report. • Applicant's finalised Schedule of Changes to the draft DCO. • Applicant's finalised Statement of Reasons in clean and tracked versions. • Applicant's final BoR and Schedule of Changes to the BoR in clean and tracked versions. • Applicant's final Land Rights Tracker. • Applicant's final Navigation Document in clean and tracked versions. • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. • Comments on any further information/ submissions received by Deadline 8. 	
33.	<p>Deadline 10</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. 	Tuesday 27 August 2024
34.	The ExA is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of six months	Tuesday 27 August 2024

Submission times for deadlines

The latest time for submission of documents at all deadlines is 23:59 on the relevant deadline date although you are welcome to submit documents in advance of the deadline. The acceptance of documents received after the deadline is subject to the exercise of discretion by the ExA.

Publication dates

All information received will be published on the [project webpage](#) as soon as practicable after the deadlines for submissions. See **Annex D** to this letter for more information.

Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES)

Where an applicant has provided a No Significant Effects Report or a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report with the application, the ExA may decide to issue a RIES during the Examination. The RIES is a factual account of the information and evidence provided to the ExA on HRA matters during the Examination up to the date of the publication of the RIES, for the purposes of enabling the Secretary of State, as competent authority, to undertake its HRA. It is not the ExA's opinion on HRA matters. Comments on the RIES will be invited by the ExA and any received will be taken into account as part of the ExA's Recommendation to the Secretary of State. The ExA may also raise questions in the RIES to confirm or clarify matters that remain outstanding.

The Secretary of State may rely on the consultation on the RIES to meet its obligations under Regulation 63(3) of The Habitats Regulations 2017.

Other Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority (ExA)

We have made a number of Procedural Decisions following the Preliminary Meeting:

1. Changes to the Examination Timetable

The ExA has made a Procedural Decision to accept the Applicant's request to make changes to its Development Consent Order application submitted on 13 February 2024. Please see item 3 below for further information. In light of this, the ExA has amended the Examination Timetable to include an opportunity for Interested Parties to submit Written Representations on the Applicant's proposed changes at **Deadline 3 (Friday 19 April 2024)**. There will also be an opportunity to comment at **Deadline 4 (Wednesday 15 May 2024)** on any Written Representations that are received by **Deadline 3**.

2. Additional Submissions

In addition to the documentation submitted by Procedural Deadline A, we have exercised our discretion and made a Procedural Decision to accept Additional Submissions from the following parties. With regard to the change request documentation, please see item 3 below:

1. The Applicant

- Cover letter in relation to the implications of updated guidance (TAG Unit M4: Forecasting and Uncertainty (May 2023)) on the assessments [[AS-120](#)].
- 8.5 Accounting for Covid-19 in Transport Modelling [[AS-121](#)].
- 8.5 Accounting for Covid-19 in Transport Modelling – Appendices [[AS-122](#)].
- Applicant's request for a reduced notice period under Rule 13(6) [[AS-123](#)].
- Change Request 1 - Covering Letter [[AS-124](#)].
- Change Request 1 - 1.3 Navigation Document (Clean) - Version 7 [[AS-125](#)].
- Change Request 1 - 1.3 Navigation Document (Tracked) - Version 7 [[AS-126](#)].
- Change Request 1 - 2.1 Draft Development Consent Order (Clean) - Version 4 [[AS-127](#)].
- Change Request 1 - 2.1 Draft Development Consent Order (Tracked) - Version 4 [[AS-128](#)].
- Change Request 1 - 4.5 Works Plans - For Approval (Clean) - Version 3 [[AS-129](#)].
- Change Request 1 - 4.5 Works Plans - For Approval (Tracked) - Version 3 [[AS-130](#)].
- Change Request 1 - 4.7 Parameter Plans - For Approval (Clean) - Version 2 [[AS-131](#)].
- Change Request 1 - 4.7 Parameter Plans - For Approval (Tracked) - Version 2 [[AS-132](#)].

- Change Request 1 - 5.1 ES Chapter 5 Project Description (Clean) - Version 3 [[AS-133](#)].
- Change Request 1 - 5.1 ES Chapter 5 Project Description (Tracked) - Version 3 [[AS-134](#)].
- Change Request 1 - 5.2 ES Project Description Figures (Clean) - Version 3 [[AS-135](#)].
- Change Request 1 - 5.2 ES Project Description Figures (Tracked) - Version 3 [[AS-136](#)].
- Change Request 1 - 8.7 Project Description Signposting Document (Clean) - Version 2 [[AS-137](#)].
- Change Request 1 - 8.7 Project Description Signposting Document (Tracked) - Version 2 [[AS-138](#)].
- Change Request 1 - 9.2 Change Application Report [[AS-139](#)].
- Change Request 1 - 9.2 Change Application Report - Appendices A and B [[AS-140](#)].
- Change Request 1 - 9.2 Change Application Report - Appendices C and D [[AS-141](#)].
- Change Request 1 - 9.3 Consultation Report Addendum [[AS-142](#)].
- Change Request 1 - 9.3 Consultation Report Addendum – Appendices [[AS-143](#)].

3. Change request

We have made a Procedural Decision following the change request made by the Applicant dated 13 February 2024 (Examination Library Reference [[AS-124](#) to [AS-143](#)]). Table 1 of [[AS-139](#)] summarises the three proposed changes. This formal change request follows the Applicant's letter of 27 November 2023 [[AS-112](#) and [AS-113](#)] 'Applicant's notification to submit a request for a proposed changes to the application for development consent', which identified the nature of the changes proposed.

The ExA has reviewed the information provided and assessed the Applicant's request against paragraphs 109 to 115 of the DCLG Guidance '[Planning Act 2008: Guidance for the examination of applications for development consent](#)' and the Planning Inspectorate's [Advice Note 16](#).

The Applicant considers that the proposed changes are, individually and collectively, non-material. It goes on to state that: "*none of the changes would involve the inclusion of additional land within the Order Limits or require the acquisition of different or new rights over land, nor would any of the changes give rise to any materially new or materially different environmental effects in comparison to those assessed and reported in the Environmental Statement [APP-026 to APP-217, AS-023 and AS-024]. As such, The Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 ("CA Regulations") and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 ("EIA Regulations") are not engaged by the proposed changes.*"

The ExA is satisfied that the information provided as part of the change request is of a satisfactory standard for examination and that there is sufficient time within the Examination for the proposed changes to be properly and fairly examined. The consultation procedures and timetable established as part of the Examination are also considered to meet the requirement for consultation in the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.

On this basis, the ExA agrees with the Applicant that the proposed changes are non-material and can be accepted into the Examination.

Representations on the proposed changes should be submitted by **Deadline 3 (Friday 19 April 2024)** and any comments on these representations should be made by **Deadline 4 (Wednesday 15 May 2024)**.

4. Procedural Decision regarding the Applicant's notice period for Hearings

We made the following Procedural Decision in respect of the Applicant's notice period for the Hearings that were held during the weeks commencing 26 February and 4 March 2024: [\[PD-010\]](#).

Notification of Hearings and requests to participate

The Examining Authority (ExA) provides notice of the following Hearings:

Date	Hearing	Start time	Venue and Joining details
Tuesday 30 April 2024	Issue Specific Hearing 6 (ISH6) on Climate Change	Registration and seating available at venue from: 9:15am Virtual registration process from: 9:15am Hearing starts: 10:00am	Sandman Signature London Gatwick Hotel 18-23 Tinsley Lane South, Three Bridges, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 8XH and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams <i>Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre- registered</i>
Wednesday 1 May 2024	Issue Specific Hearing 7 (ISH7) on Other Environmental Matters (topics to be confirmed)	Registration and seating available at venue from: 9:15am Virtual registration process from: 9:15am Hearing starts: 10:00am	<i>Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre- registered</i>
Thursday 2 May 2024	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 (CAH1)	Registration and seating available at venue from: 9:15am Virtual registration process from: 9:15am Hearing starts: 10:00am	

Date	Hearing	Start time	Venue and Joining details
Thursday 2 May 2024	Open Floor Hearing 3 (OFH3) (if required)	Registration and seating available at venue from: 1:15pm Virtual registration process from: 1:15pm Hearing starts: 2:00pm	
<p>NOTE: If any of the above Hearings are no longer required, then notification that a particular date is no longer required will be published as soon as practicable on the project webpage, providing reasonable notice to Interested Parties of the decision to cancel.</p>			

If you intend to attend in person or participate in any of the above Hearings, you must register by completing the:

- [Open Floor Hearing Participation Form](#) by **Monday 15 April 2024**; and/ or
- [Issue Specific Hearing and Compulsory Acquisition Hearing Participation Form](#) by **Monday 22 April 2024**,

and provide all the information requested (see below). It may not be possible to participate or observe in person on the day if you have not registered.

If you wish to observe any of the Hearings remotely then you will be able to either:

1. watch a livestream of the event - a link to the livestream will be made available on the [project webpage](#) shortly before the event is scheduled to begin; and/ or
2. watch the recording of the event which will be published on the project webpage shortly after the event has finished.

You do not need to register if you wish to observe remotely via the above means.

If you are unable to complete the online Participation Form(s) or require any support or assistance to attend any of the Hearings, either virtually or in person, please contact the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter.

Any request to participate in a Hearing **should include** the following information:

- Name and unique reference number (found at the top of any letter or email from the Planning Inspectorate).
- Email address (if available) and contact telephone number.

- Name and unique reference number of any person/ organisation that you are representing (if applicable).
- For blended events, confirmation of whether you will participate virtually or in-person.
- Confirmation of the Hearing(s) you wish to participate in, the agenda item(s) on which you wish to speak and/ or brief details of the topic(s) that you would like to raise.
- For Compulsory Acquisition Hearings, the plot number(s) of the relevant land provided in the Book of Reference ([Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#)) and the [Land Plans](#).
- The [Examination Library](#) reference number (with paragraph/ page number where appropriate) of any documents you wish to refer to.

Hearing agendas

For Open Floor Hearings, an agenda may be published confirming a speaking order and time slots for registered participants to make their oral submissions. This would be published on the [project webpage](#) at least five working days before the event.

For Issue Specific Hearings and Compulsory Acquisition Hearings, the ExA will publish a detailed draft agenda on the project webpage at least five working days in advance of the hearing date.

The actual agendas on the day of each Hearing may be subject to change at the discretion of the ExA.

Procedure at Hearings

The procedure to be followed at Hearings is set out in Rule 14 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. The ExA is responsible for the oral questioning of a person giving evidence and the process affords very limited scope to allow cross-questioning between parties.

Hearing livestream and recording

A link to a livestream for each Hearing will be made available on the [project webpage](#) shortly before any Hearing is due to open. The livestream is available to anybody who wishes to observe a Hearing in real-time.

All Hearings are recorded, and the recordings will be made available on the [project webpage](#) as soon as practicable after the close of the Hearing. The recordings allow any member of the public who is interested in the application and the Examination to find out what has been discussed.

Availability of Examination documents

The application documents and Relevant Representations are available to view on the [project webpage](#).

All further documents submitted in the course of the Examination will also be published under the [‘Documents’ tab](#) of the project webpage.

The Examination Library

For ease of navigation, please refer to the [Examination Library](#) (EL) which is accessible by clicking the blue button under the ‘Documents’ tab. The EL is updated regularly throughout the Examination.

The EL records and provides a hyperlink to:

- each application document;
- each representation and submission made to the Examination; and
- each Procedural Decision made by the Examining Authority.

Each document is given a unique reference number which will be fixed for the duration of the Examination. **Please quote the unique reference number from the EL when referring to any Examination documents in any future submissions that you make.**

Electronic deposit locations

Documents can be viewed electronically, free of charge, at the electronic deposit locations listed in the table below. Please note that you may need to bring a form of identification and register as a member in order to use a computer at some of these locations.

The opening hours and availability of information technology set out in the table below may be subject to changes. Please check the current circumstances with the relevant locations before you attend.

Local authority	Venue/ address	Opening hours	Printing costs
East Sussex Council	Uckfield Library Library Way High Street, Uckfield TN22 1AR	Monday: 10:00 am – 1:00pm Tuesday, Friday and Saturday: 10:00am – 4:30pm Wednesday: 2:00pm – 4:30pm Thursday: 10:00am – 6:00pm Sunday: Closed	A4 B&W: 20p A4 COL: 50p A3 B&W: 20p A3 COL: 50p

Local authority	Venue/ address	Opening hours	Printing costs
Kent County Council	Edenbridge Library The Eden Centre, Four Elms Road, Edenbridge, Kent TN8 6BY	Monday: 9:00am – 1:00pm Tuesday to Thursday: 9:00am – 5:00pm Friday: 1:00pm – 5:00pm Saturday: 10:00am – 3:00pm Sunday: Closed	A4 B&W: 15p A4 COL: 20p A3 B&W: 15p A3 COL: 20p
Surrey County Council	Caterham Valley Library Stafford Road, Caterham, Surrey CR3 6JG	Monday: Closed Tuesday to Saturday: 9:30am – 5:00pm Sunday: Closed	A4 B&W: 25p A4 COL: 50p A3 B&W: 25p A3 COL: 50p
Surrey County Council	Dorking Library St Martin's Walk, Dorking RH4 1UT	Monday to Friday: 9:30am – 5:30pm Saturday: 9:30am – 5:00pm Sunday: Closed	A4 B&W: 25p A4 COL: 50p A3 B&W: 50p A3 COL: £1
Surrey County Council	Horley Library 55-57 Russell Square, Victoria Road, Horley, Surrey RH6 7QH	Monday: Closed Tuesday to Saturday: 9:30am – 5:00pm Sunday: Closed	A4 B&W: 25p A4 COL: 25p A3 B&W: 50p A3 COL: 50p
Surrey County Council	Leatherhead Library 68 Church Street, Leatherhead KT22 8DP	Monday: Closed Tuesday to Saturday: 9:30am – 5:00pm Sunday: Closed	A4 B&W: 25p A4 COL: 50p A3 B&W: 50p A3 COL: £1

Local authority	Venue/ address	Opening hours	Printing costs
Surrey County Council	Oxted Library 12 Gresham Road, Oxted RH8 0BQ	Monday: Closed Tuesday to Saturday: 9:30am – 5:00pm Sunday: Closed	A4 B&W: 25p A4 COL: 50p A3 B&W: 25p A3 COL: 50p
West Sussex County Council	Billinghurst Library Mill Lane, Billinghurst RH14 9JZ	Monday to Friday: 10:00am – 5:00pm Saturday: 10:00am – 2:00pm Sunday: Closed	A4 B&W: 20p A4 COL: 60p A3 B&W: 20p A3 COL: £1
West Sussex County Council	Crawley Library Southgate Avenue, Crawley RH10 6HG	Monday to Friday: 9:00am – 6:00pm Saturday: 9:00am – 5:00pm Sunday: Closed	A4 B&W: 20p A4 COL: 60p A3 B&W: 20p A3 COL: £1
West Sussex County Council	East Grinstead Library 32 - 40 West Street, East Grinstead RH19 4SR	Monday to Thursday: 9:30am – 6:00pm Friday and Saturday: 9:30am – 5:00pm Sunday: Closed	A4 B&W: 20p A4 COL: 60p A3 B&W: 20p A3 COL: £1
West Sussex County Council	Horsham Library Lower Tanbridge Way, Horsham RH12 1PJ	Monday to Friday: 9:00am – 6:00pm Saturday: 9:00am – 5:00pm Sunday: Closed	A4 B&W: 20p A4 COL: 60p A3 B&W: 20p A3 COL: £1
West Sussex County Council	Mid Sussex District Library Oaklands, Oaklands Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH16 1SS	Monday to Thursday: 8:45am – 5:15pm Friday: 8:45am – 4:15pm Saturday and Sunday: Closed	A4 B&W: 20p A4 COL: 60p A3 B&W: 20p A3 COL: £1

How to make a submission at the Examination stage using the 'Have your say' tab

You can use the ['Have your say' tab](#) to make your submission. This is a BETA service that replaces the 'Make a submission' tab mentioned at Annex H to the [Rule 6 letter](#).

The 'Have your say' tab is available on the left-hand side of the project webpage. You can also reach it from the 'Examination timetable' tab.

Before you start, you will need your:

- unique reference number (this is found at the top your postcard or email from the Planning Inspectorate next to 'Your ref', beginning either '2004', 'GATW-0', 'GATW-ISP', 'GATW-AFP', 'GATW-S57', 'GATW-APP', 'GATW-SP' or 'GATW-OP');
- email address; and
- documents to support your comments if you plan to upload them.

If you have not registered as an Interested Party, it is at the discretion of the Examining Authority whether or not your submission is accepted. We will ask you for your personal details and documents to support your comments if you plan to upload them.

Submissions will be published under the ['Documents' tab](#) of the project webpage as soon as practicable following the close of the relevant deadline. For further information about publishing submissions please view our [Privacy Notice](#).

You will be able to submit a document (upload file), make a text representation, or both. It is possible to upload multiple files for each individual submission item. Electronic attachments should be clearly labelled with the subject title and not exceed 50MB.

Submissions **must not include hyperlinks** to documents/ evidence hosted on a third-party website eg technical reports, media articles etc. See the Planning Inspectorate's [Advice Note 8.4: The Examination](#) for further information about making written submissions. All submissions must be made in a format that can be viewed in full on the National Infrastructure Planning website. Any submissions that exceed 1500 words should also be accompanied by a summary; this summary should not exceed 10% of the original text.

You should select the relevant deadline for your submission and then, on the next webpage, select the appropriate deadline item as described in the Examination Timetable at **Annex A** to this letter. Please ensure you make a separate submission for each deadline item and **do not duplicate your submission**.

If you experience any issues when using the 'Have your say' tab, please contact the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter and they will assist.