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Dear Sir / Madam,

Application for a development consent order by Gatwick Airport Limited for the Gatwick Airport Northern Runway project (Ref. TR020005)

I write on behalf of Gatwick Airport Limited (the "Applicant"), enclosing an application to the Secretary of State for a development consent order (the "Application") under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (the "2008 Act") for the proposed Gatwick Airport Northern Runway project (the "Proposed Development").

Introduction to the Gatwick Airport Northern Runway project

Gatwick Airport is one of the six international airports serving the London area. It has been an aerodrome since the 1930s and in 2019 facilitated approximately 46 million passengers to travel nationally and internationally. Gatwick is 30 minutes from central London by train and has the largest rail catchment of any UK airport and 15 million people, more than a quarter of the population of England, can access Gatwick by road or rail within 60 minutes.

Currently, only the main runway of the airport is used as such in normal operation and this dictates the capacity of the airport. The northern runway is used as such at times when the main runway is unavailable. The airport hosts two terminals and multiple additional facilities to support passengers as they use the airport including hotels and car parks. These have been developed to support the current throughput of the airport.

The Proposed Development involves alterations to the existing northern runway which, together with the lifting of the current restrictions on its use, would enable dual runway operations. It also includes the development of a range of infrastructure and facilities which, with the alterations to the northern runway, would enable an increase in the airport's passenger throughput capacity. This includes substantial upgrade works to certain surface access routes which lead to the airport.

A description of the Proposed Development is included in **ES Chapter 5: Project Description** (Doc Ref. 5.1).

The Application

The Application is required because the proposed works to Gatwick Airport are classified as a nationally significant infrastructure project ("NSIP") under sections 14(1)(i) and 23(1)(b), (4), (5) and (6) of the 2008 Act, and the proposed works to highways which comprise part of the Proposed Development are classified as an NSIP under sections 14(1)(h) and 22(1)(b), (3) and (4) of the 2008 Act.

Application formalities

The Application is made in the form required by section 37(3)(b) of the 2008 Act, and the Application documents comply with the requirements in section 37 of the 2008 Act and those set out in the:

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- (a) Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (as amended) (the "APFP Regulations");
- (b) Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the "EIA Regulations");
- (c) Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010;
- (d) "Planning Act 2008: Application form guidance" published by the former Department for Communities and Local Government (June 2013); and
- (e) Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note Six: Preparation and submission of application documents (version 11).

We request that the Planning Inspectorate does not publish the Application documents on the Gatwick Airport Northern Runway project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website during the acceptance period.

We suggest that **ES Appendix 9.6.4: Confidential Badger Survey** (Doc Ref. 5.3) should not be published as it contains sensitive information which, if disclosed, may adversely affect the protection of the environment to which the information relates. In line with pre-application discussions with the Planning Inspectorate, we have marked the cover sheet of this document as "Confidential, not to be published on project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website" and provided a cover sheet only version for publication.

Compulsory acquisition

The Applicant is seeking powers, amongst others, for the compulsory acquisition of land or of interests in and/or rights in, over or under land, the acquisition of rights and imposition of restrictive covenants, statutory authority to override easements and other rights and private rights of way in the **Draft Development Consent Order** (Doc Ref. 2.1) for the purpose of the Proposed Development. The relevant land is listed in the **Book of Reference** (Doc Ref. 3.3) and the **Land Plans** (Doc Ref. 4.2).

This Application has been prepared in accordance with the former Department for Communities and Local Government "Planning Act 2008: Guidance related to procedures for compulsory acquisition of land" (September 2013).

The **Statement of Reasons** (Doc Ref. 3.2) also provides details of the powers sought and the negotiations that have taken place to date with the owners of the relevant interests in land.

Details of the adequacy of the funding for compensation are provided in the **Funding Statement** (Doc Ref. 3.1). The Statement of Reasons and the Funding Statement are submitted in accordance with regulation 5(2)(h) of the APFP Regulations.

Environmental Impact Assessment and Habitat Regulations Assessment

The Proposed Development constitutes an Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") development under the EIA Regulations. The Application therefore includes an Environmental Statement (Doc Ref. 5.1) which reports on the findings of the EIA.

The Application also includes a Habitat Regulations Assessment ("HRA") (**ES Appendix 9.9.1: Habitat Regulations Assessment Report** (Doc Ref. 5.3)). The HRA identifies all the relevant European sites potentially affected by the Proposed Development and provides sufficient information for the Secretary of State to make an appropriate assessment of the implications for any relevant European site.



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Consultation

The Applicant has had careful regard to the pre-application consultation requirements of the 2008 Act, the guidance published by the former Department for Communities and Local Government, and the advice of the Planning Inspectorate and local authorities, as required by section 50(3) of the 2008 Act.

As required by section 37(3)(c) of the 2008 Act, the Application is accompanied by a **Consultation Report** (Doc Ref. 6.1).

Application fee and documentation

The application fee of £8,244 was submitted by BACS transfer to the account of the Planning Inspectorate on 23 June 2023 with reference "Gatwick Airport".

As agreed with the Planning Inspectorate, a link to a secure data room which holds an electronic copy of the full application for a development consent order is provided below:

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The data room includes a completed and signed **Application Form** (Doc Ref. 1.2), and a **Section 55 checklist** (Doc Ref. 1.1) completed by the Applicant has been included with this cover letter as Appendix A to assist with the Planning Inspectorate's compliance checks.

I would be grateful if the Planning Inspectorate would confirm receipt of the Application. I look forward to hearing from the Planning Inspectorate in relation to the formal acceptance of the Application. If we can be of any assistance in that regard, please do not hesitate to contact Jonathan Deegan on

[REDACTED] [@gatwickairport.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@gatwickairport.com) or [REDACTED].

Yours faithfully,

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London Gatwick

Encl. *Section 55 acceptance of application checklist (completed by the Applicant)*

Appendix A - Section 55 Acceptance of Applications Checklist

Section 55 of the Planning Act 2008 can be viewed at [legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk), here:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2008/29/section/55>

DISCLAIMER: This Checklist is for information only and is not a formal application document. It is a non-statutory checklist for the Planning Inspectorate to complete. Completion or self-assessment by the Applicant does not hold weight at the Acceptance stage. Unless specified, **all references to the Planning Inspectorate are made in relation to functions being carried out on behalf of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government.**

Section 55(2) Acceptance of Applications				
1	Within 28 days (starting day after receipt) the Planning Inspectorate must decide whether or not to accept the application for Examination.	Date received	28 day due date	Date of decision
Section 55(3) – the Planning Inspectorate may only accept an application if it concludes that:			Planning Inspectorate comments	
Section 55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c): It is an application for an order granting development consent				
2	Is the development a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project ¹ (NSIP) (or does it form part of an NSIP); and does the application state on the face of it that it is an application for a Development Consent Order ² (DCO) under the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008), or equivalent words? Does the application specify the development to which it relates (i.e. which category or categories in ss14 to 30 does the Proposed Development fall)?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Covering Letter (Doc Ref. 1.1) and the Application Form (Doc Ref. 1.2) state on their face that it is an application for a Development Consent Order under the 2008 Act.</p> <p>The Proposed Development set out in Schedule 1 of the Draft Development Consent Order (Doc Ref. 2.1) is an NSIP under sections 14(1)(i) and 23(1)(b), (4), (5) and (6) of the 2008 Act as it proposes alterations to an existing airport that would result in an increase of at least 10 million per year in the number of passengers for whom the airport is capable of providing air passenger transport services.</p>		

¹ NSIP is defined generally in s14 with the detailed thresholds for each of the specified categories being set out in ss15 to 30

² Development consent is required for development to the extent that the development is or forms part of an NSIP (s31 of the PA2008)

	If the development does not fall within the categories in ss14 to 30, has a direction been given by the Secretary of State under s35 of the PA2008 for the development to be treated as development for which development consent is required?	The proposed works to highways as part of the Proposed Development are also classified as an NSIP under sections 14(1)(h) and 22(1)(b), (3) and (4) of the 2008 Act as they involve the alteration of a highway in England to which National Highways is the highway authority where the speed limit is 50 mph or over and the works each exceed the 12.5 hectare limit that applies to that category of road.
3	Summary: Section 55(3)(a) and s55(3)(c)	The Applicant has demonstrated that the Application as submitted is an application for an order granting development consent under the 2008 Act.
Section 55(3)(e): The Applicant in relation to the application made has complied with Chapter 2 of Part 5 (pre-application procedure)		
4	In accordance with the EIA Regulations ³ , did the Applicant (prior to carrying out consultation in accordance with s42) either (a) request the Planning Inspectorate adopt a Screening Opinion in respect of the development to which the application relates, or (b) notify the Planning Inspectorate in writing that it proposed to provide an Environmental Statement in respect of that development?	Yes. Screening was not undertaken for the proposed development. The Applicant identified, due to the nature and scale of the proposal, the Proposed Development to be a development for which an environmental impact assessment would be required. Notification under Regulation 8(1)(b) was provided to the Secretary of State on 16 August 2019 (see Appendix B.1 of the Consultation Report Appendices – Part B (Doc Ref. 6.2)) in advance of submission of a scoping report and request for a scoping opinion under Regulation 10(1) of the EIA Regulations to the Planning Inspectorate on 2 September 2019 and subsequent section 42 consultation commencing on 9 September 2021.
5	Have any Adequacy of Consultation Representations ⁴ been received from 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' local authorities; and if so, do they confirm that the Applicant has complied with the duties under s42, s47 and s48?	The Applicant anticipates that, following submission of the Application for a Development Consent Order, the Planning Inspectorate will invite relevant local authorities to provide a statement relating to the adequacy of the consultation. This is as set out in the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 14: Compiling the Consultation Report (version 3).

³ Regulation 8 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (2017 EIA Regulations), or where Regulation 37 of the 2017 EIA Regulations applies, Regulation 6 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 (2009 EIA Regulations)

⁴ Section 55(4) of the PA2008 provides that the Planning Inspectorate must have regard to the Consultation Report, and any Adequacy of Consultation Representations received

Section 42: Duty to consult

Did the Applicant consult the applicable persons set out in s42 of the PA2008 about the proposed application?

6	Section 42(1)(a) persons prescribed ⁵ ?	<p>Yes. The Applicant consulted all persons prescribed by APFP Regulations.</p> <p>The Applicant undertook consultation with the statutory consultees between 9 September 2021 and 11.59pm on 1 December 2021.</p> <p>The Applicant undertook further targeted consultation with relevant statutory consultees between 14 June 2022 and 11.59pm on 27 July 2022.</p> <p>Sections 5.5 and 6.5 of the Consultation Report (Doc Ref. 6.1) explain how the statutory consultees were identified for the targeted consultation and a full list of section 42 consultees is provided in Appendix B.18 of the Consultation Report Appendices – Part B (Doc Ref. 6.2).</p>
7	Section 42(1)(aa) the Marine Management Organisation ⁶ ?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Applicant consulted the Marine Management Organisation between 9 September 2021 and 11.59pm on 1 December 2021. It was not considered necessary to consult with the Marine Management Organisation for the Summer 2022 Consultation due to the nature of the targeted consultation.</p>
8	Section 42(1)(b) each local authority within s43 ⁷ ?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Applicant consulted the A, B, C and D local authorities between 9 September 2021 and 11.59pm on 1 December 2021.</p> <p>The Applicant undertook further targeted consultation with the A, B, C and D local authorities between 14 June 2022 and 11.59pm on 27 July 2022.</p> <p>Table 5.1 in Section 5.5 of the Consultation Report (Doc Ref. 6.1) provides a list of the</p>

⁵ Statutory consultees set out in Schedule 1 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (APFP Regulations)

⁶ In any case where the Proposed Development would affect, or would be likely to affect, any of the areas specified in s42(2) of the PA2008

⁷ Definition of 'local authority' in s43(3) of the PA2008: The 'B' authority where the application land is in the authority's area; the 'A' authority where any part of the boundary of A's area is also a part of the boundary of B's area; the 'C' authority (upper tier) where the application land is in that authority's area; the 'D' authority (upper tier) where such an authority shares a boundary with a 'C' authority

		relevant local authorities. Figure 5.1 and Figure 5.2 in Section 5.5 of the Consultation Report (Doc Ref. 6.1) show the administrative boundaries of the relevant local authorities.
9	Section 42(1)(c) the Greater London Authority (if in Greater London area)?	Yes. The Applicant consulted the Greater London Authority between 9 September 2021 and 11.59pm on 1 December 2021. It was not considered necessary to consult with the Greater London Authority for the Summer 2022 Consultation due to the nature of the targeted consultation.
10	Section 42(1)(d) each person in one or more of s44 categories ⁸ ?	Yes. The Applicant consulted the Category 1, 2 and 3 persons between 9 September 2021 and 11.59pm on 1 December 2021. The Applicant undertook further targeted consultation with the Category 1, 2 and 3 persons affected by the highway proposals between 14 June 2022 and 11.59pm on 27 July 2022. A list of the Category 1, 2 and 3 persons is included within the Book of Reference (Doc Ref. 3.3) submitted with the Application and details of how the list was prepared are provided in Chapter 5 of the Consultation Report (Doc Ref. 6.1).
Section 45: Timetable for s42 consultation		
11	Did the Applicant notify s42 consultees of the deadline for receipt of consultation responses; and if so was the deadline notified by the Applicant 28 days or more starting with the day after receipt of the consultation documents?	Yes. A 12-week consultation took place between 9 September 2021 and 11.59pm on 1 December 2021, which significantly exceeded the 28-day minimum. The Applicant undertook further targeted statutory consultation lasting six weeks between 14 June 2022 and 11.59pm on 27 July 2022. The consultation material specified the deadline for responses to be submitted to the Applicant (see Chapters 5 and 6 of the Consultation Report (Doc Ref. 6.1). Sample

⁸ Category 1: owner, lessee, tenant or occupier of land; Category 2: person interested in the land or has power to sell and convey the land or to release the land; Category 3: persons who would or might be entitled to make a relevant claim. There is no requirement on the Planning Inspectorate to check the accuracy of the list(s) provided or whether the Applicant has made diligent inquiry

letters for each category of consultee are included in **Appendix B.7** of the **Consultation Report Appendices – Part B** (Doc Ref. 6.2).

Section 46: Duty to notify the Planning Inspectorate of proposed application

12	Did the Applicant supply information to notify the Planning Inspectorate of the proposed application; and if so, was the information supplied to the Planning Inspectorate on or before the date it was sent to the s42 consultees? Was this done on or before commencing consultation under s42?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Applicant wrote to the Secretary of State on 6 September 2021 in advance of section 42 consultation commencing on 9 September 2021. A copy of that letter is in Appendix B.1 of the Consultation Report Appendices – Part B (Doc Ref. 6.2). The letter provided details of where the consultation materials could be accessed and enclosed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a copy of the section 48 notice; (b) a copy of the Consultation Summary Document; and (c) a USB stick containing the full set of consultation materials. <p>The Applicant wrote to the Secretary of State in advance of the section 42 consultation commencing on 14 June 2022. A copy of that letter is in Appendix C.6 of the Consultation Report Appendices – Part C (Doc Ref. 6.2). The letter provided details of where the consultation materials could be accessed and enclosed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Consultation Document; (b) Consultation Newsletter; and (c) The previous section 46 notification.
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Section 47: Duty to consult local community

13	Did the Applicant prepare a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) on how it intended to consult people living in the vicinity of the land?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>A Statement of Community Consultation ("SoCC") was published on 25 August 2021 and a copy is provided in Appendix B.2 of the Consultation Report Appendices – Part B (Doc Ref. 6.2).</p>
14	Were 'B' and (where relevant) 'C' authorities consulted about the content of the SoCC; and if so, was the deadline for receipt of responses 28 days	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Applicant consulted with the section 43(1) local authorities (i.e., the B and C authorities as listed in Table 5.1 of the Consultation Report (Doc Ref. 6.1)) about the</p>

	beginning with the day after the day that 'B' and (where applicable) 'C' authorities received the consultation documents?	<p>draft SoCC between 21 February and 24 March 2020.</p> <p>A follow-up consultation was held on the updated draft SoCC between 26 March and 13 April 2021 (informal) and 4 May and 2 June 2021 (formal).</p> <p>The section 43(1) local authorities received the draft SoCC on 21 February 2020. The deadline specified for the section 43(1) local authorities to provide comments about the draft SoCC was 24 March 2020.</p> <p>Following a pause to the Project during the Covid-19 pandemic, the section 43(1) local authorities received the updated draft SoCC on 4 May 2021, with a deadline to provide comments of 2 June 2021.</p>
15	Has the Applicant had regard to any responses received when preparing the SoCC?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>A table listing the feedback received from the local authorities and how the Applicant had regard to that feedback in preparing the final version of the SoCC is provided at Appendix B.3 (regarding the 2020 draft of the SoCC) and Appendix B.4 (regarding the 2021 draft of the SoCC) of the Consultation Report Appendices – Part B (Doc Ref. 6.2).</p>
16	Has the SoCC been made available for inspection in a way that is reasonably convenient for people living in the vicinity of the land; and has a notice been published in a newspaper circulating in the vicinity of the land which states where and when the SoCC can be inspected?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Applicant made a copy of the SoCC available for public inspection at the locations listed in Table 5.3 of the Consultation Report (Doc Ref. 6.1).</p> <p>The Applicant published the required notice in the newspapers listed in Table 4.3 of the Consultation Report (Doc Ref. 6.1), and copies of the notices are provided in Appendix B.5 of the Consultation Report Appendices – Part B (Doc Ref. 6.2).</p>
17	Does the SoCC set out whether the development is EIA development ⁹ ; and does it set out how the Applicant intends to publicise and consult on the Preliminary Environmental Information?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Section 4 (Environmental information) of the SoCC (Appendix B.2 of the Consultation Report Appendices – Part B (Doc Ref. 6.2)) identified on page 6 that:</p> <p><i>"The Northern Runway Project is classed as an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development requiring an assessment of its likely significant effects on the environment under The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment)</i></p>

⁹ Regulation 12 of the 2017 EIA Regulations, or where Regulation 37 of the 2017 EIA Regulations applies, Regulation 10 of the 2009 EIA Regulations

		<p><i>Regulations 2017"</i> and confirmed that:</p> <p><i>"We will consult on preliminary environmental information, in the form of a Preliminary Environment Information Report (PEIR), which will form part of the pre-application consultation documents and will be available for the local community and stakeholders to examine during the pre-application consultation process."</i></p>	
18	Has the Applicant carried out the consultation in accordance with the SoCC?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Applicant has set out in Section 4.7 and Table 4.4 of the Consultation Report (Doc Ref. 6.1) the relevant commitments it made in the SoCC and the activities that have been carried out to meet those commitments.</p>	
Section 48: Duty to publicise the proposed application			
19	Did the Applicant publicise the proposed application in the prescribed manner set out in Regulation 4(2) of the APFP Regulations?	<p>The Applicant prepared and published a notice containing the prescribed details as required by regulation 4 of the APFP Regulations in the publications and on the dates as set out in Table 5.6 in Section 5.8 of Chapter 5 of the Consultation Report (Doc Ref. 6.1).</p>	
Newspaper(s)			
Date			
a)	for at least two successive weeks in one or more local newspapers circulating in the vicinity in which the Proposed Development would be situated;	<p>(i) Crawley & Horley Observer</p> <p>(ii) Surrey Mirror</p> <p>(iii) West Sussex County Times</p> <p>(iv) Kent and Sussex Courier</p>	<p>(i): Wednesday, 8 and 15 September 2021</p> <p>(ii) and (iii): Thursday, 9 and 16 September 2021</p> <p>(iv): Friday, 10 and 17 September 2021</p>
b)	once in a national newspaper;	The Times	Thursday, 9 September 2021
c)	once in the London Gazette and, if land in Scotland is affected, the Edinburgh Gazette; and	<p>London Gazette</p> <p>No land in Scotland is affected by the proposed development</p>	Thursday, 9 September 2021

d)	where the proposed application relates to offshore development – (i) once in Lloyds List; and (ii) once in an appropriate fishing trade journal?	Not applicable as the proposed application does not relate to offshore development	Not applicable		
20	Did the s48 notice include the required information set out in Regulation 4(3) of APFP Regulations?	Yes. A copy of the section 48 notice is provided in Appendix B.6 of the Consultation Report Appendices – Part B (Doc Ref. 6.2) and contains the required information as set out below.			
Information					
	Paragraph	Information	Paragraph		
a)	the name and address of the Applicant.	Paragraph 1	b)	a statement that the Applicant intends to make an application for development consent to the Secretary of State	Paragraph 1
c)	a statement as to whether the application is EIA development	Paragraph 6	d)	a summary of the main proposals, specifying the location or route of the Proposed Development	Paragraphs 2 and 3
e)	a statement that the documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of the Proposed Development are available for inspection free of charge on a website maintained by or on behalf of the Applicant, including the address of the website; the place on the website where the documents, plans and maps may be inspected; and a telephone number which can be used to contact the Applicant for enquiries in relation to the documents, plans and maps	Paragraphs 7 to 10, and 13	f)	the latest date on which those documents, plans and maps will be available for inspection on the website	Paragraphs 7 and 9 read in conjunction with the definition of "Consultation Period" in paragraph 4
g)	whether a charge will be made for copies of any of the documents, plans or maps and the amount of any charge	Paragraph 7 and 10	h)	details of how to respond to the publicity	Paragraphs 11 to 14

i)	a deadline for receipt of those responses by the Applicant, being not less than 28 days following the date when the notice is last published	Paragraph 12	
21	Are there any observations in respect of the s48 notice provided above?		
	N/A		
22	Has a copy of the s48 notice been sent to the EIA consultation bodies and to any person notified to the Applicant in accordance with the EIA Regulations ¹⁰ ?	Yes. The Project is an EIA development. Therefore, on 8 September 2021, the Applicant sent a copy of the section 48 notice to the consultation bodies as part of the section 42 consultation letters (see Appendix B.7 of the Consultation Report Appendices – Part B (Doc Ref. 6.2) for a sample letter).	
s49: Duty to take account of responses to consultation and publicity			
23	Has the Applicant had regard to any relevant responses to the s42, s47 and s48 consultation?	Yes. Sections 5.10 and 6.10 of the Consultation Report (Doc Ref. 6.1) set out the regard that has been had by the Applicant to the consultation responses received.	
Guidance about pre-application procedure			
24	To what extent has the Applicant had regard to statutory guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Guidance on the pre-application process' ¹¹ ?	The Applicant has had due regard to this guidance in preparing its consultation strategy and carrying out its consultation. Appendix B.8 of the Consultation Report Appendices – Part B (Doc Ref. 6.2) identifies the key requirements of the guidance and explains how the Applicant had regard to this.	
25	Summary: Section 55(3)(e)	The Applicant has demonstrated that the Application as submitted complies with Chapter 2 of Part 5 (pre-application procedure) of the 2008 Act.	
s55(3)(f) and s55(5A): The application (including accompaniments) achieves a satisfactory standard having regard to the extent			

¹⁰ Regulation 13 of the 2017 EIA Regulations, or where Regulation 37 of the 2017 EIA Regulations applies, Regulation 11 of the 2009 EIA Regulations

¹¹ The Planning Inspectorate must have regard to the extent to which the Applicant has had regard to guidance issued under s50

to which it complies with section 37(3) (form and contents of application) and with any standards set under section 37(5) and follows any applicable guidance under section 37(4)

26	Is it made in the prescribed form as set out in Schedule 2 of the APFP Regulations, and does it include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a brief statement which explains why it falls within the remit of the Planning Inspectorate; and a brief statement that clearly identifies the location of the application site, or the route if it is a linear scheme? 	Yes. The Application has been made in the prescribed form as set out in Schedule 2 of the APFP Regulations. A statement which explains why it falls within the remit of the Secretary of State is provided in section 4 of the Application Form (Doc Ref. 1.2). Section 6 of the Application Form (Doc Ref. 1.2) provides a brief statement that describes the location of the Proposed Development, and a more detailed description is provided in ES Chapter 5: Project Description (Doc Ref. 5.1). The location of the Proposed Development is also shown on the Location Plan (Doc Ref. 4.1).									
27	Is it accompanied by a Consultation Report?	Yes. The Consultation Report (Doc Ref. 6.1) accompanies the Application, along with the Consultation Report Annexures (Doc Ref. 6.1) and Consultation Report Appendices (Doc Ref. 6.2).									
28	Where a plan comprises three or more separate sheets, has a key plan been provided showing the relationship between the different sheets? ¹²	Yes. Key plans are provided and show the relationship between different sheets.									
29	Is it accompanied by the documents and information set out in APFP Regulation 5(2)?	Yes. The Application is accompanied by the documents and information required by regulation 5(2) of the APFP Regulations, as listed below:									
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¹² Regulation 5(4) of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009

	required under the EIA Regulations ¹³ and any scoping or screening opinions or directions	(Doc Ref. 5.1), Environmental Statement Figures (Doc Ref. 5.2), Environmental Statement Appendices (Doc Ref. 5.3) and Environmental Statement Non-Technical Summary (Doc Ref. 5.4). A copy of the ES Appendix 6.2.1: Scoping Report (Doc Ref. 5.3) and ES Appendix 6.2.2: Scoping Opinion (Doc Ref. 5.3) are also submitted with the Application.		(Doc Ref. 2.1) in the validated statutory instrument template and a Draft DCO Template Verification Report (Doc Ref. 2.3).
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Is this of a satisfactory standard?
c)	An Explanatory Memorandum explaining the purpose and effect of provisions in the draft DCO	The Application is accompanied by an Explanatory Memorandum to the Draft Development Consent Order (Doc Ref. 2.2).	d)	Where applicable, a Book of Reference (where the application involves any Compulsory Acquisition)
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			The Application is accompanied by a Book of Reference (Doc Ref. 3.3) which meets the requirements of the former Department for Communities and Local Government 'Planning Act 2008: guidance related to procedures for the compulsory acquisition of land'.
e)	A copy of any Flood Risk Assessment	The Application is accompanied by ES Appendix 11.9.6: Flood Risk Assessment (Doc Ref. 5.3), and ES Appendix 11.9.6: Flood Risk Assessment – Annexures (Doc Ref 5.3).	f)	A statement whether the proposal engages one or more of the matters set out in section 79(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (statutory nuisances) and if so how
				The Application is accompanied by a Statement of Statutory Nuisance (Doc Ref. 7.6).

¹³ The 2017 EIA Regulations, or where Regulation 37 of the 2017 EIA Regulations applies, the 2009 EIA Regulations

			the Applicant proposes to mitigate or limit them	
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
h)	A Statement of Reasons and a Funding Statement (where the application involves any Compulsory Acquisition)	The Application is accompanied by a Statement of Reasons (Doc Ref. 3.2) and a Funding Statement (Doc Ref. 3.1).	i) A Land Plan identifying:- (i) the land required for, or affected by, the Proposed Development; (ii) where applicable, any land over which it is proposed to exercise powers of Compulsory Acquisition or any rights to use land; (iii) any land in relation to which it is proposed to extinguish easements, servitudes and other private rights; and (iv) any special category land and replacement land	The Application is accompanied by Land Plans (Doc Ref. 4.2) and Special Category Land Plans (Doc Ref. 4.4) The Land Plans consist of Sheets 1-7 and a covering Key Plan. The Special Category Land Plans consists of a single Sheet and a covering Key Plan. The Land Plans and Special Category Land Plans accord with Regulation 5(2)(i) of the APFP Regulations, and identify (i) the land required for, or affected by, the proposed development, (ii) where applicable, any land over which it is proposed to exercise powers of compulsory acquisition or any rights to use land, (iii) any land in relation to which it is proposed to extinguish easements, servitudes and other private rights and (iv) any special category land and replacement land.
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?		Is this of a satisfactory standard?	
j)	A Works Plan showing, in relation to existing features:-	The Application is accompanied by Works Plans (Doc Ref. 4.5). The Works Plans consist of	k) Where applicable, a plan identifying any new or altered means of access, stopping up of streets or	The Application is accompanied by Rights of Way and Access Plans (Doc Ref. 4.6).

	<p>(i) the proposed location or (for a linear scheme) the proposed route and alignment of the development and works; and</p> <p>(ii) the limits within which the development and works may be carried out and any limits of deviation provided for in the draft DCO</p>	<p>Sheets 1-7 and a covering Key Plan.</p>		<p>roads or any diversions, extinguishments or creation of rights of way or public rights of navigation</p>	<p>The Rights of Way and Access Plans consist of Sheets 1-2 and a covering Key Plan.</p> <p>The Rights of Way and Access Plans accord with Regulation 5(2)(k) of the APFP Regulations.</p>
	<p>Is this of a satisfactory standard?</p>			<p>Is this of a satisfactory standard?</p>	
<p>l)</p>	<p>Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying:-</p> <p>(i) any statutory/ non-statutory sites or features of nature conservation eg sites of geological/ landscape importance;</p> <p>(ii) habitats of protected species, important habitats or other diversity features; and</p> <p>(iii) water bodies in a river basin management plan,</p> <p>together with an assessment of any effects</p>	<p>The Application is accompanied by ES Figure 8.4.1, ES Figure 8.4.2 and ES Figure 8.4.3 in ES Landscape, Townscape and Visual Resources Figures (Doc Ref. 5.2), ES Figure 9.6.1, ES Figure 9.6.2 and ES Figure 9.6.3 in ES Ecology and Nature Conservation Figures (Doc Ref. 5.2), ES Figure 10.6.1 in ES Geology and Ground Conditions Figures (Doc Ref. 5.2) and ES Figure 11.4.1 and ES Figure 11.6.1 in ES Water Environment Figures (Doc Ref. 5.2).</p> <p>An assessment of effects are included in the following chapters of the Environment Statement: ES Chapter 8: Landscape, Townscape and Visual</p>	<p>m)</p>	<p>Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying any statutory/ non-statutory sites or features of the historic environment, (eg scheduled monuments, World Heritage sites, listed buildings, archaeological sites and registered battlefields) together with an assessment of any effects on such sites, features or structures likely to be caused by the Proposed Development</p>	<p>The Application is accompanied by ES Figure 7.6.1 and ES Figure 7.6.2 in ES Historic Environment Figures (Doc Ref. 5.2).</p> <p>An assessment of effects is included in ES Chapter 7: Historic Environment (Doc Ref. 5.1).</p>

	on such sites, features, habitats or bodies likely to be caused by the Proposed Development	Resources (Doc Ref. 5.1), ES Chapter 9: Ecology and Nature Conservation (Doc Ref. 5.1), ES Chapter 10: Geology and Ground Conditions (Doc Ref. 5.1) and ES Chapter 11: Water Environment (Doc Ref 5.1).		
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			
n)	Where applicable, a plan with any accompanying information identifying any Crown land	The application is accompanied by Crown Land Plans (Doc Ref. 4.3). The Crown Land Plans consist of Sheets 1-7 and a covering Key Plan.	o)	Any other plans, drawings and sections necessary to describe the development consent proposal showing details of design, external appearance, and the preferred layout of buildings/ structures, drainage, surface water management, means of vehicular and pedestrian access, any car parking and landscaping
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			The application is accompanied by a Location Plan (Doc Ref. 4.1), Parameter Plans (Doc Ref. 4.7), Surface Access Highways Plans - General Arrangement Plans (Doc Ref. 4.8.1), Surface Access Highways Plans – Structure Section Drawings (Doc Ref. 4.8.3), Traffic Regulation Plans – Speed Limits (Doc Ref. 4.9.1), Traffic Regulation Plans – Classification of Roads (Doc Ref. 4.9.2), Traffic Regulation Plans – Clearways and Prohibitions (Doc Ref. 4.9.3) and ES Appendix 5.2.1: Surface Access General Arrangement Plans (Doc Ref. 5.3).
	Is this of a satisfactory standard?			Are they of a satisfactory standard?
p)	Any of the documents prescribed by Regulation 6 of the APFP Regulations:	In accordance with Regulation 6(2)(a) of the APFP Regulations, the Application includes section drawings to suitable horizontal and vertical scales, which show, by reference to Ordnance Survey or Chart datum, the levels of the	q)	Any other documents considered necessary to support the application
				The Application comprises other documents considered necessary to support the application, as listed in the Electronic Application Index (Doc Ref 1.5) and the Navigation Document (Doc Ref. 1.3). These documents are:

		<p>proposed works, including ground levels, which are included in the Surface Access Highways Plans – Engineering Section Drawings (Doc Ref. 4.8.2).</p>			<p>Covering letter (Doc Ref. 1.1) Glossary (Doc Ref. 1.4) Planning Statement (Doc Ref. 7.1) Planning Statement Appendices (Doc Ref. 7.1) Needs Case (Doc Ref. 7.2) Needs Case Appendices (Doc Ref. 7.2) Design and Access Statement (Doc Ref. 7.3) Transport Assessment (Doc Ref. 7.4) Transport Assessment Annexures (Doc Ref. 7.4) List of Other Consents and Licences (Doc Ref. 7.5)</p>
	<p>Are they of a satisfactory standard?</p>			<p>Are they of a satisfactory standard?</p>	
<p>30</p>	<p>Are there any observations in respect of the documents provided at Box 29 (a) to (q) above?</p>				
<p>31</p>	<p>Is the application accompanied by a report identifying any European site(s) to which Regulation 48 of The Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994 applies; or any Ramsar site(s), which may be affected by the Proposed Development, together with sufficient information that will enable the Secretary of State to make an appropriate assessment of the</p>	<p>Yes. The Application is accompanied by ES Appendix 9.9.1: Habitat Regulations Assessment Report (Doc Ref. 5.3).</p>			

	implications for the site if required by Regulation 48(1)? ¹⁴	
32	If requested by the Planning Inspectorate, two paper copies of the application form and other supporting documents and plans ¹⁵	No paper copies requested.
33	Has the Applicant had regard to statutory guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Application form guidance', and has this regard led to the application being prepared to a standard that the Planning Inspectorate considers satisfactory?	Yes. The Applicant has had regard to the Department for Communities and Local Government 'Planning Act 2008: Application form guidance' in the preparation of this application. The Applicant believes that the Application has been prepared to the standards that the Planning Inspectorate will consider satisfactory.
34	Summary - s55(3)(f) and s55(5A)	It is considered that the Application is of a standard which the Secretary of State will find satisfactory, having regard to the extent to which it complies with section 37(3) and with any standards set under section 37(5) and follows any applicable guidance under section 37(4).
The Infrastructure Planning (Fees) Regulations 2010 (as amended)		
Fees to accompany an application		
35	Was the fee paid at the same time that the application was made ¹⁶ ?	Yes. The application fee was paid to the Planning Inspectorate by BACS on 23 June 2023 with reference "Gatwick Airport".

¹⁴ Regulation 5(2)(g) of the APFP Regulations

¹⁵ Regulation 5(2)(r) of the APFP Regulations

¹⁶ The Planning Inspectorate must charge the Applicant a fee in respect of the decision by the Planning Inspectorate under section 55 of the PA2008. If the Applicant fails to pay the fee, the Planning Inspectorate need not consider the application until payment is received. The fee must be paid at the same time that the application is made

Role	Electronic signature	Date
Case Manager		
Acceptance Inspector		