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1 Introduction

1.1 General

- 1.1.1 This document forms Appendix 19.3.1 of the Environmental Statement (ES) prepared on behalf of Gatwick Airport Limited (GAL) for the proposal to make best use of Gatwick Airport’s existing runways and infrastructure (referred to within this report as ‘the Project’).
- 1.1.2 Table 1.1.1 below provides a summary of stakeholder scoping responses received in response to **ES Appendix 6.2.1: Scoping Report** (Doc Ref. 5.3) as part of the **ES Appendix 6.2.3: Scoping Opinion** (Doc Ref. 5.3) provided by the Planning Inspectorate in September 2019.
- 1.1.3 Stakeholder responses have been included in Table 1.1.1 where these are of relevance to the assessment of agricultural land use and recreation for the Project.

Table 1.1.1: Summary of Stakeholder Scoping Responses which are relevant to the assessment of Agricultural Land Use and Recreation

| Consultee | Date | Details | How/where considered in ES |
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| Reigate and Banstead Borough Council | 27 September 2019 | With regards to the key legislative and policy documents listed in Paragraph 7.12.1 of ES Appendix 6.2.1: Scoping Report (Doc Ref. 5.3), Core Strategy Policy CS12 “Infrastructure Delivery” which relates to recreational facilities – including loss of – and green infrastructure should be added to the list of policies. | Policy added to ES Appendix 19.2.1: Summary of Local Planning Policy – Agricultural Land Use and Recreation (Doc Ref. 5.3) and considered in ES Chapter 19: Agricultural Land Use and Recreation (Doc Ref. 5.1). |
| | | References Borough Local Plan policies CO2 “Agricultural Considerations” and Hr36 “The Rural Surrounds of Horley” should be removed from this section following the adoption of the DMP. | Reference to these policies has been removed from the ES. |
| | | References to the “emerging Reigate & Banstead Borough Development Management Plan 2018-2027” should be amended to “Reigate and Banstead Development Management Plan (Reigate and Banstead Borough Council, 2019)” following the adoption of the Development Management Plan to ensure consistency with other adopted Local Plan documents. | Emerging policy added to ES Appendix 19.2.1: Summary of Local Planning Policy – Agricultural Land Use and Recreation (Doc Ref. 5.3) and considered in ES Chapter 19: Agricultural Land Use and Recreation (Doc Ref. 5.1). |
| | | The Council notes that Paragraph 7.12.6 of the ES Appendix 6.2.1: Scoping Report (Doc Ref. 5.3) states that “site visits have been undertaken in March and May 2019 but no survey work in relation to either agricultural land or recreational resources has been undertaken to date” and that “user surveys of recreational resources are planned and will be undertaken during 2019”. We consider that there is a need for further clarity regarding the potential scope of user surveys to ensure a robust baseline and consider that to fully understand different users’ perspectives that user surveys should be conducted during both peak and shoulder periods. | User surveys have been completed for National Cycle Route 21 through Riverside Garden Park, which is used by both cyclists and walkers in 2019. These surveys were undertaken at appropriate times to ensure that the peak usage is captured. In addition, further user surveys were undertaken in November 2022 to support the development of the highway design proposals. The conclusions from this survey are summarised in Section 19.6 of ES Chapter 19: Agricultural Land Use and Recreation (Doc Ref. 5.1), with full details provided in ES Appendix 19.6.3: Recreational User Survey (Doc Ref. 5.3). |
| Reigate and Banstead Borough Council | 27 September 2019 | The Council notes that Paragraphs 7.12.28-7.12.31 of the ES Appendix 6.2.1: Scoping Report (Doc Ref. 5.3) which details baseline conditions specifically provides very detailed comments on the Riverside Garden Park in Horley. Whilst we welcome that this public open space has been clearly and specifically identified, we note that it is included within the Project site boundary and would welcome clarity at this stage for the rationale for inclusion of the Riverside Garden Park within the Project site boundary and scope of works/ mitigation interventions proposed for this area of public open space. Should the area be required for transport improvements, we would welcome clarity/ evidence as to the requirement for the full area to enable transport improvements for the routine use of the northern runway. | The effects on Riverside Garden Park and Church Meadows are assessed in section 19.9 of ES Chapter 19: Agricultural Land Use and Recreation (Doc Ref. 5.1). Mitigation measures and enhancement measures are described in Table 19.8.1 of ES Chapter 19: Agricultural Land Use and Recreation (Doc Ref. 5.1). |
| | | The Council questions why Table 7.12.2 of the ES Appendix 6.2.1: Scoping Report (Doc Ref. 5.3) which details the baseline agricultural statistics for land use groups ‘Crawley and Mid | The most recent Defra statistics for 2021 have been included in Section 19.6 of ES Chapter 19: Agricultural Land Use and Recreation (Doc Ref. 5.1), which provide a context to the |

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| | | Sussex' and 'Reigate & Banstead and Epsom & Ewell' whilst Mid Sussex, Horsham, Mole Valley and Tandridge are detailed separately. As stated in Paragraph 7.12.18 of the ES Appendix 6.2.1: Scoping Report (Doc Ref. 5.3), Defra produce statistical records on a local authority basis. | nature of agricultural land use in the vicinity of the Project as explained in Section 19.4 of ES Chapter 19: Agricultural Land Use and Recreation (Doc Ref. 5.1). The detailed assessment of the effects of the Project on agricultural land use is based on the identification of the characteristics of the individual farm holdings affected. |
| Reigate and Banstead Borough Council | 27 September 2019 | With regards to the scope of baseline studies, we note that Paragraph 7.12.33 of the ES Appendix 6.2.1: Scoping Report (Doc Ref. 5.3) states that site surveys will be undertaken to provide an understanding of the current use of recreational resources including public open space around the airport. The Council would welcome clarity that the scope of these assessments will include time periods in both the peak and shoulder periods. | User surveys have been completed for National Cycle Route 21 through Riverside Garden Park, which is used by both cyclists and walkers in 2019. These surveys were undertaken at appropriate times to ensure that the peak usage is captured. In addition, further user surveys were undertaken in November 2022 to support the development of the highway design proposals. The conclusions from this survey are summarised in Section 19.6 of ES Chapter 19: Agricultural Land Use and Recreation (Doc Ref. 5.1), with full details provided in ES Appendix 19.6.3: Recreational User Survey (Doc Ref. 5.3). |
| | | We note that as part of our recently adopted Development Management Plan, site allocation policy HOR9 "Horley Strategic Business Park" which adjoins the proposed Project site boundary to the north includes at least 5ha of new high quality public open space, including parkland and outdoor sports facilities. We therefore consider that this needs to be taken into consideration in assessments. | The proposed development of the Horley Business Park, as set out in Policy HOR9 'Horley Strategic Business Park' of the adopted Reigate and Banstead Development Management Plan 2018-2027, including the provision of new public open space, parkland and outdoor sports facilities, has been considered in ES Chapter 20: Cumulative Effects and Inter-Relationships (Doc Ref. 5.1). |
| | | The Council questions why Table 7.12.3 of the ES Appendix 6.2.1: Scoping Report (Doc Ref. 5.3) which details the potential effects to be considered omits consideration of the adverse impacts on the nature and character of recreational resources from increased disturbance from roads, upgraded junctions and activity. | The potential loss or reduction in accessible public open space and the potential effects on the alignment of public rights of way and cycle routes are assessed in ES Chapter 19: Agricultural Land Use and Recreation (Doc Ref. 5.1). Any effects on the amenity of these resources, primarily because of changes to the visual or acoustic environments at either the construction or operation stages of the Project, are assessed, where relevant, in ES Chapter 8: Landscape, Townscape and Visual Resources (Doc Ref. 5.1) and ES Chapter 14: Noise and Vibration (Doc Ref. 5.1). A commentary on such effects is provided in Section 19.12 of ES Chapter 19: Agricultural Land Use and Recreation (Doc Ref. 5.1) |
| West Sussex County Council | 27 September 2019 | In reference to Paragraph 7.12.1 of ES Appendix 6.2.1: Scoping Report (Doc Ref. 5.3) The list of relevant policy documents should include the West Sussex County Council Rights of Way Management Plan 2018 - 2028. | This document has been considered, where appropriate, and is listed in Section 19.14 of ES Chapter 19: Agricultural Land Use and Recreation (Doc Ref. 5.1). |
| Tandridge District Council | 30 September 2019 | No specific comments are made on the proposed scope of the baseline studies, study area, affects proposed to be assessed, and the approaches to the assessment of effects, and mitigation, enhancement, and monitoring in relation to this topic. | Comment was noted and no further actions were required. |

2.1 Glossary

Table 2.2.1: Glossary of Terms

| Term | Description |
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| Defra | Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs |
| EIA | Environmental Impact Assessment |
| ES | Environmental Statement |
| GAL | Gatwick Airport Limited |