

17 July 2023

Case Manager: George Harold  
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Dear Mr Harold,

**Project Reference: TR020005**  
**Adequacy of consultation request – Application by Gatwick Airport Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Gatwick Airport Northern Runway Project**

Thank you for your letter, dated 07 July 2023, regarding the application by Gatwick Airport Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent. This letter is the response of the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) to the request for our opinion as to whether the applicant has complied with the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) with regard to the following duties:

- Duty to Consult (section 42)
- Duty to Consult the Local Community (section 47)
- Duty to Publicise (section 48)

**Duty to Consult (S42)**

The SDNPA can confirm that it was consulted as follows:

- Between 09 September and 01 December 2021 under s42 of the Planning Act 2008. The SDNPA responded on the 24 November 2021.
- Between 14 June and 27 July 2022 under s42 of the Planning Act 2008. The SDNPA did not respond on this occasion as the matters covered were not relevant to our National Park Purposes and Duty.

The SDNPA has had no further engagement or consultation with the applicant (including any officer group meetings), nor has the applicant sought to discuss the issues raised in our S42 response.

**Duty to Consult the Local Community (S47)**

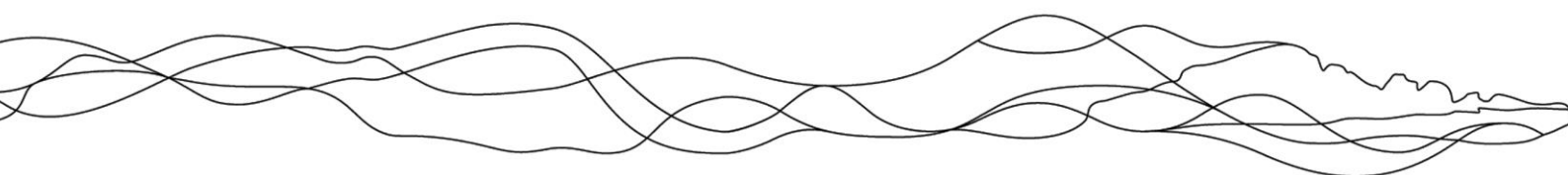
The SDNPA was not involved with the drafting of the Statement of Community Consultation. The SDNPA was sent the final version the week prior to the 2021 consultation.

**Duty to Publicise (S48)**

The SDNPA has no reason to consider that the proposed development has not been publicised in accordance with S48 of the Planning Act 2008. However, we would recommend that the following are notified:

- We can see no mention of the South Downs Society (also known as the Friends of the South Downs) in any of the documentation. They are a charity who campaigns to protect and conserve the landscape of the National Park.
- We can see no mention of the Sussex Wildlife Trust. They are charity who seek to protect the rich natural heritage of East and West Sussex.

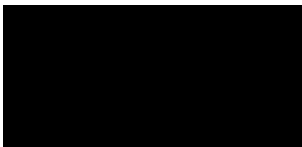
We would also like to note that as well as being a Local Authority (Category D), we consider the SDNPA would be a statutory consultee under Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations.



## Conclusion

Based on the information we have received, the SDNPA considers that the Applicant has done the minimum necessary to comply with its duties under Sections 42, 47 and 48 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended).

Yours sincerely,



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