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Dear Sir/Madam,

Gatwick Airport Northern Runway Application – Adequacy of Consultation Response

Thank you for notifying us of the submission of the application relating to the Northern Runway at Gatwick Airport. Please find below Waverley Borough Council's response to the consultation.

Duty to Consult – Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 42

Waverley Borough Council was consulted by Gatwick Airport on the proposals relating to the Northern Runway in Autumn 2021 and our consultation response is available on the Council's website at [Waverley BC Response to Gatwick Airport - November 2021.pdf](#)

We, therefore, consider the requirements of Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 have been met.

Duty to Consult the Local Community – Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 47

Figure 5.3 of the Consultation Report shows that a small part of Waverley Borough lies within the inner consultation zone and therefore within the lowest observable adverse effect level (LOAEL) for aircraft noise. Other parts of the borough are also within the outer consultation zone and therefore, potentially affected by the proposals.

Paragraphs 5.6.10 - 5.7.21 of the Consultation Report outline the consultation techniques undertaken by Gatwick Airport to engage with the local community prior to the submission of the application. The Consultation Report does not appear to include any information about the geographical location of stakeholders attending consultation events. For example, Ewhurst, Ellens Green and Alfold Crossways are all within the LOAEL but Gatwick Airport have not held any roadshows in Waverley and the consultation documents were not deposited at any libraries within Waverley. Some residents may have been made aware of the proposals through social media but for residents with no internet access it would have been difficult for them to engage in the process.

Whilst we acknowledge Gatwick Airport have engaged with stakeholders and local communities prior to the submission of the planning application and met the requirements of s.47 of the Planning Act it is difficult to assess the effectiveness of the community engagement undertaken.

Duty to Publicise – Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 48

The pre-application consultation included a deadline by which consultation responses had to be received by the applicant. Therefore, the Council is of the view that the requirements of Section 48 of the Planning Act 2008 have been met.

Yours faithfully

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