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Dear Mr Harrold,

**Re: Planning Act 2008 – Section 55 - Adequacy of consultation request for
Application by Gatwick Airport Limited for an Order Granting Development
Consent for the Gatwick Airport Northern Runway Project**

1. Thank you for your Adequacy of Consultation Request letter dated 7 July 2023 for the application by Gatwick Airport Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Gatwick Airport Northern Runway Project, pursuant to Section 55 of the **Planning Act 2008**. Please accept this letter as the London Borough of Hounslow's formal response.
2. The proposal put forward as a DCO by Gatwick Airport comprises alterations to the airport's northern runway to enable dual runway operations, thereby increasing Gatwick's capacity. The project would consist of a number of facilities and pieces of infrastructure which would enable this change to happen, and would result in increased passenger numbers and aircraft movements. The nature of the project means that there are not considered to be any direct impacts on Hounslow borough, and therefore the Council has not issued a response to the previous rounds of consultation (which took place in autumn 2021 and summer 2022).

3. The Council therefore does not have detailed feedback on the adequacy of consultation, but does consider that Gatwick has met its legal obligations, in accordance with Sections 42, 47 and 48 of the Planning Act 2008. Furthermore, upon inspection of the range of consultation documents published by Gatwick, there are no specific reasons to suggest that the consultation processes have not been adequate from the perspective of the London Borough of Hounslow.
4. On a related matter, it should also be noted that Hounslow Council was opposed to the third runway expansion proposal at Heathrow (as set out in Policy EC3 of our adopted local plan) because, though the Council considers it important that Heathrow becomes better and more successful, as it plays such a huge role in the borough's economic success. However, concerted efforts must be made to mitigate against the direct negative effects of airport operations on neighbouring communities – particularly in relation to noise; poor air quality; congestion on the transport network and loss or degradation of green space and biodiversity.
5. In a similar vein, the Council would also recommend that Gatwick ensure they consider all potential options available to maximise the benefits that the airport should be bringing both locally and regionally across London and the south east, without the negative impacts arising from increasing the airport's capacity. This would include comprehensive justification from Gatwick that their proposals will implement any measures necessary to reduce total CO2 emissions. Hounslow Council ask that Gatwick continue to engage and consult us on the impact their proposed proposals on our neighbouring airport (Heathrow), the transport and highway network (M25) and the airspace are shared with the council so that we can review and comment as required.

Yours sincerely,



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