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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Sir

Re. Gatwick Airport NRP (Ref: TR020005): Local Authority Issues Tracker – Horsham District Council Response

Further to the Examining Authority's Section 89 letter to Gatwick Airport Limited ("the Applicant") and the Local Authorities on 8 September 2023, please find attached a copy of the summary of issues raised by Horsham District Council up until the date of submission on 6 July 2023, and which the Council has sent through to the Applicant along with our accompanying correspondence.

It is the Council's view that the Issues Tracker should be considered a live document, and that further iterations should be produced in tandem with revised drafts of the Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs) and Principal Areas of Disagreement Summary Statements (PADSS).


Local Authorities Approach to Statements of Common Ground with the Applicant

A detailed background to the engagement with the Applicant during the pre-application phase was given in the [Joint Local Authority Adequacy of Consultation Representation](#) (20 July 2023). This included the discussions to date on Statements of Common Ground (paras 7.47 – 7.52), that have focused on the structure, scope of issues to be agreed (or not) and the process for the preparation of the documents, rather than any detailed agreement (or not) on the issues of concern due to the lack of information available to the Authorities.

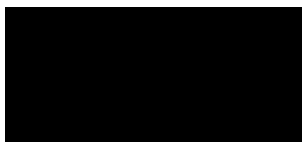
Furthermore, the comments made on the structure of the documents, within the required timeframes set by the Applicant, have not been discussed through the feedback meetings held, and there has been a lack of meaningful engagement or willingness on the Applicant's part to do so.

The capacity of the Council's officers to manage the current DCO workload is such that whilst it will be able to engage on agreeing a revised Issues Tracker picking up these summarised issues with the Applicant prior to their deadline of 29 October 2023, the Council will need to focus its resources on reviewing the DCO documentation and finalising its Relevant Representation and initial draft of its PADSS. It was therefore suggested to the Applicant that the most effective use of resources for all parties was to further engage on SoCG drafting once GAL have been able to review the comments already made on the tranches of SOCGs

along with the Relevant Representations and PADSS produced, as well as any new issues that may have been identified.

Should you have any queries please contact, in the first instance, Carol Algar by email @horsham.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely



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