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Subject: Gatwick Airport NRP Issues Trackers review - WSCC response

Attachments: Gatwick NRP DCO GAL Issues Trackers WSCC response 150923.pdf

Dear Jonathan,

Gatwick Airport NRP Issues Trackers review

## Purpose of the review

Following the circulation of the draft Issues Trackers on 18 August 2023, I attach the response from West Sussex County Council (WSCC). This includes feedback on the format and purpose of the Issues Trackers and a table of issues that were raised by WSCC during the pre-application statutory consultations and engagement, which we believe have not been picked up in the draft Issues Trackers.

For your information, we have forwarded our comments on the Issues Trackers to the Examining Authority (ExA), as requested in their Section 89 letter to GAL and the Local Authorities on 8 September 2023.

## The Way Forward

It is acknowledged that GAL intend to update the Issues Trackers with the omitted issues identified by WSCC and other local authorities and circulate a revised version in a single Issues Tracker by 25 September 2023.

Given the extent of documentation, the majority of which has not been seen in advance by WSCC, we have not been able to review all the appropriate documents in advance of the Issues Tracker response deadline. Therefore, some of the issues raised by WSCC may now have been satisfactorily addressed within the DCO documentation. Furthermore, there will also be the addition of new issues that will arise once WSCC have considered all the detail of the DCO documentation. Both of these elements will need to be reflected in the Issues Tracker.

We understand that GAL are suggesting that any new issues should be flagged ahead of the Relevant Representation submission to enable a further iteration of the Issues Tracker and the compiling and discussion of Statements of Common Ground (SoCG). Unfortunately, due to the workload and capacity of WSCC officers, this will not be possible. We will not be in a position to engage on SoCG drafting until after the Relevant Representations and PADSS have been submitted by 29 October 2023. WSCC, and the other Gatwick local authorities, have stated this point in previous correspondence made to GAL.

Therefore, the Issues Tracker draft to be submitted by GAL to the ExA on 29 October 2023 will only include the additional issues identified by WSCC in the attached response, which were omitted from the first version of the Issues Trackers circulated by GAL on 18 August 2023.

Best wishes

Amy

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