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**BY EMAIL ONLY**

Dear Jonathan

**Re. Gatwick Airport NRP – Local Authority Issues Tracker – HDC Response**

Following the circulation of the draft Issues Trackers on 18 August 2023, I attach a list of issues raised by Horsham District Council during the pre-application consultations and engagement, including the Topic Working Group sessions and other meetings. These issues are a summary of points raised by HDC which had not, at the point of submission of the DCO by GAL, been adequately addressed.

In addition to the enclose, please note that we fully support the omission tracker issues raised by West Sussex County Council regarding Highways and Ecology and Nature Conservation.

We also re-attach the response made regarding the draft DCO documents circulated in May/June this year prior to submission. We request that the issues raised should also be included in the Issues Tracker and that GAL provides a response on how the issues have been handled in the submission DCO documents.

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


We are aware that GAL intend to input issues put forward by the Local Authorities and present a revised version of the trackers in a single table by the 25 September 2023. We would request that the revised table identifies of the source of each issue listed (by authority or authorities) and allows a further column to enable commentary on where the issue has been reflected in the drafting of the Statements of Common Ground. We also accept that there may be instances where issues are raised which may now have been dealt with in the DCO documentation. There may also be new issues which arise once we have considered the detail of the documentation which will need to be added to the Tracker. However, given the extent of documentation, the majority of which has not been seen in advance of submission by the local authorities, we have not been able to review all the appropriate documents in advance of the Issues Tracker response deadline and this may not be reflected in HDC's Issues Tracker.

We understand that GAL are suggesting that any new issues should be flagged with GAL ahead of the Relevant Representation submission to enable an early further iteration of the

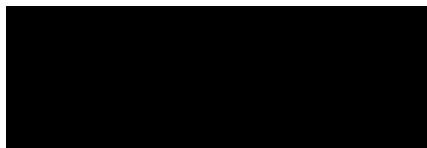
Issues Tracker and the compiling and discussion of Statements of Common ground. Unfortunately, due to the workload and capacity of the officers involved, this will not be possible. We will not be in a position to engage on Statement of Common Ground drafting until after the Relevant Representations have been submitted by 29 October 2023. The Authorities had made this clear in previous correspondence. Similarly, Horsham District Council's governance arrangements mean that, unlike other local authorities, the Relevant Representation will not be available before this date.

Given the workload of officers preparing our Relevant Representation, it has not been possible to make amendments to our list of issues taking into account the first version of the Issues Trackers which were circulated on 18 August 2023.

Horsham District Council suggest that the Issues Tracker should remain an active document through to examination given the importance of cross-referencing all the issues of concern through to the SoCGs and the PADSS. Therefore, we would request that the Issues Tracker, including any further issues identified in the preparation of the Relevant Representation, is updated as the SoCGs are drafted to enable such cross-referencing. We also suggest issues which have appeared on the Issues Tracker and subsequently been resolved remain on record, with a concise note on what resolution has been agreed and, where appropriate, signposting to the relevant document.

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

Yours sincerely



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