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Subject: Gatwick NRP DCO - Issues Tracker omissions - Tandridge District Council

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Attachments: Tandridge District Council comments on GAL Isssues Tracker.docx

Dear Sir/Ms

## Gatwick Airport NRP (Ref: TR020005) Local Authority Issues Tracker – Tandridge District Council response

Following the ExA Section 89 letter to GAL and the Local Authorities on 8 September 2023, I attach a copy of the Issues Tracker Omissions list recently sent through to Gatwick Airport Limited by Tandridge District Council. We also support the email correspondence from May/June on the draft DCO documents that has been submitted by Crawley Borough Council and that we consider accompanies the list we have provided here by way of attachment.

It is the Council's view that the Issues Tracker should be considered a living document and 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 GAL

A background to the engagement with GAL during the pre-application phase was given in the <u>Joint Local Authority Adequacy of Consultation Representation</u> (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 Local Authority 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 omissions with GAL prior to their deadline on 29 October 2023, it 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 taking into account the Relevant Representations/PADSS produced and any new issues that may have been identified.

Should you have any queries, please contact me.

Kind regards,

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