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Dear Mr Gleeson,

**Gatwick Airport NRP (Ref: TR020005)**

**Gatwick Airport NRP – Local Authority Issues Tracker – Mid Sussex District Council response**

In order to help the Examining Authority (ExA) I have attached a copy of the Mid Sussex specific Issues Tracker Omissions Table recently sent through to Gatwick Airport Limited (GAL) (Attachment 1) and a copy of the e-mail correspondence accompanying the table.

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).

Joint Local Authorities (JLAs) Concerns about GAL's Approach to Statements of Common Ground

The JLAs have consistently made clear to GAL their views on the most effective approach towards the preparation of SoCG.

A background to the engagement with GAL during the pre-application phase is set out in the [JLA Adequacy of Consultation Representation](#) (20 July 2023). The JLAs would like the EXA to note that the discussions to date on the SoCG (paras 7.47 – 7.52), have only focused on structure, scope and process, rather than any detailed agreement (or not) on the issues of concern. Clearly this has been due to the lack of information made available to the JLAs. There has been a lack of willingness on the applicant's part to have a meaningful engagement to discuss this issue.

Although the JLAs would be happy to respond to GAL's requests re the Issues Tracker, given the volume of new information supplied to support the DCO our attention must focus on finalising its Relevant Representation and initial draft of its PADSS.

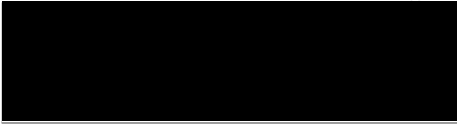
The JLAs have therefore suggested to the Applicant that the most effective use of resources for all parties was to further engage on SoCG drafting once GAL have been able to review the comments already made on the tranches of SoCG along with taking into account the Relevant Representations/PADSS produced and any new issues that may have been identified.

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Should you have any queries regarding our concerns or our proposed approach please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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