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FAO: Kevin Gleeson (Lead Member of the Examining Authority)

22 December 2023

Dear Mr Gleeson,

**Application for a Development Consent Order by Gatwick Airport Limited for the Gatwick Airport Northern Runway Project (Ref. TR020005) – Response to a Procedural Decision made by the Examining Authority under section 89(3) of the Planning Act 2008**

We are writing in response to your Procedural Decision letter of 24 October 2023 [\[PD-006\]](#) in which the Examining Authority requested further information in relation to the implications of updated guidance on ES Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport [\[AS-076\]](#). The Applicant provided its initial response in letter dated 14 November 2023 [\[AS-073\]](#), with further detail as proposed within the letter included within this submission.

**Environmental Statement (ES) Chapter 12 – Transport**

The Examining Authority requested a detailed response on the implications of guidance contained in “Environmental Assessment of Traffic and Movement” published by the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA) in July 2023 for the assessment presented in ES Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport [\[AS-076\]](#), together with a programme for any necessary review of the same.

In its letter dated 14 November 2023, the Applicant provided a review and comparison between the Guidance Note No.1: Guidelines for the Environmental Assessment of Road Traffic (1993) (GERTA 1993) and Environmental Assessment of Traffic and Movement (2023) (EATM 2023) guidance. This review concluded that the general principles set out in EATM 2023 remain similar to those in GERTA 1993, but that there were some differences which required further review. The Applicant summarised this in a table of actions (Table 4 of Annex B to the November letter) and advised that the outcome of the actions would be submitted to the Examining Authority by 22 December 2023.

The Applicant has included in this submission this output in the "Technical Note on the Impact of Latest IEMA Guidance (2023) on the Assessment of Effects Related to Traffic and Transport (**Doc Ref. 8.4**)". This note describes the outcome of the review of the guidance in EATM 2023. Where EATM 2023 introduces additional or amended guidance, the Applicant has compared that guidance with the approach used in ES Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport [\[AS-076\]](#). Where appropriate, the Applicant has also provided a review of the assessment in the light of that guidance and a comparison with the conclusions that were presented in ES Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport [\[AS-076\]](#).

This note considers any changes to receptor sensitivities or magnitudes of impact that result from applying the updated IEMA guidance, and whether such changes could potentially lead to new or different significant

effects that were not reported in ES Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport [AS-076]. In summary and as set out within the note, the guidance set out in EATM 2023 would not lead to any new or different significant effects being identified as a result of the Project and therefore would not change the conclusions of the assessment presented in ES Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport [AS-076].

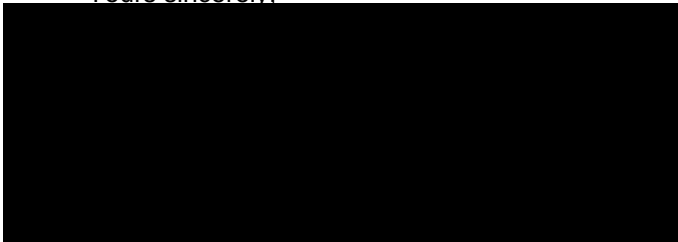
**Submission of Updated and Additional Documents**

The table below sets out the updated application documents and additional documents submitted as part of this response for ease of reference, including the reason for submission.

Updated or Additional Document	Document Title and Reference	Reason for Submission
Updated	Navigation Document (tracked change version Doc Ref. 1.3 v5 and clean version Doc Ref. 1.3 v5)	To include the additional documents submitted as part of this response.
New	Technical Note on the Impact of Latest IEMA Guidance (2023) on the Assessment of Effects Related to Traffic and Transport (Doc Ref. 8.4)	To respond to the Examining Authority’s request for further information regarding the impacts of the latest IEMA Guidance (2023) on the assessment of traffic and transport effects.

The Applicant considers that the above addresses the requests for information related to the impact of the IEMA Guidance (2023) on ES Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport issued by the Examining Authority in the letter dated 24 October 2023. However, if the Applicant can be of any further assistance or the Examining Authority considers any further clarification is required in response to the information and documentation submitted as part of this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Applicant using the details already provided.

Yours sincerely,



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**NRP Programme Lead**  
**Gatwick Airport Limited**

Enclosed separately:

- Navigation Document (tracked change version Doc Ref. 1.3 v5 and clean version Doc Ref. 1.3 v5)



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- Technical Note on the Impact of Latest IEMA Guidance (2023) on the Assessment of Effects Related to Traffic and Transport (Doc Ref. 8.4)



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