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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Northern Runway Project (TR020005) Surrey County Council Response to the Rule 6 Letter (IP Reference 20044665)**

Surrey County Council (SCC) has no suggested amendments to make to the draft examination timetable and considers that the initial assessment of principal issues is broad enough to cover the range of issues we would like to see explored.

Attendance at the Preliminary Meeting and Issue Specific Hearings (ISH) has been confirmed via the online forms on the PINs website. SCC officers will attend the Preliminary Meeting, but do not intend to speak under any agenda items. Michael Bedford, KC, will also be in attendance on behalf of SCC and a number of the other local authorities. Officers will attend the Open Floor Hearings online to observe but do not intend to participate.

We appreciate the early publication of the agendas for the ISH and if further detail on areas for discussion were to be made available closer to the meetings that would be welcomed. We welcome the inclusion of managed growth as an agenda item at these initial hearings as we consider it to be integral in mitigating the environmental impacts of the project.

We note that there are a number of significant areas not covered in the initial ISH, such as air quality and we would welcome these being explored in future hearings.

Assuming there will be another ISH on the draft DCO, we would request that article 40 (special category land), in particular the provisions concerning replacement land (including its management and maintenance), is listed as an agenda item.

As an Affected Party we request that a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH) is held, as allowed for within the draft examination timetable. Areas we would want to raise at the CAH include issues relating to the acquisition of highway plots. If the ExA considers it would be better to examine article 40 at the CAH, SCC would be content with that.

## **Accompanied Site Inspection – suggested locations**

The impact of aviation noise within Surrey varies depending on wind direction and the airport's mode of operation in relation to flight paths for arrivals and departures and we would ask that this is taken into account for site visits.

We are unclear from the note of the October 2023 Unaccompanied Site Inspections whether Longbridge Roundabout was included. We request that this is included on future itineraries as it is one of the main junction improvements associated with the DCO and is the principal one proposed within Surrey.

We would request inclusion of Public Right of Way 344 and/or 345 to the north-east of Charlwood, in the vicinity of LVIA Viewpoint 14. This area provides a good understanding of the character, condition and quality of the landscape within Surrey, in close proximity to the airport. It is representative of views of existing and proposed airport buildings and infrastructure (e.g. the existing Boeing hangar and proposed new hanger) that walkers would experience along these rights of way.

We also request inclusion of Public Right of Way 362a in the vicinity of LVIA Viewpoint 8. This area is representative of views that walkers would experience of construction effects (temporary construction compound and extensive removals of vegetation alongside the A23) and permanent operational effects (new airport infrastructure including taller buildings/structures beyond the A23/M23).

SCC also request that the two SCC owned locations for construction compounds are included in an ASI. These are the South Terminal Roundabout Contractor Compound and the Longbridge Roundabout Site Welfare Facility. We request their inclusion so that access arrangements can be demonstrated and also so the area for longer term environmental mitigation can be visited.

Yours faithfully



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