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

6 February 2024

Dear Mr Gleeson,

**Application for a Development Consent Order by Gatwick Airport Limited for the Gatwick Airport Northern Runway Project (Ref. TR020005) – Response to the advice made under section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 and Rule 6 letter made by the Examining Authority under sections 88 and 89 of the Planning Act 2008.**

This letter is in response to two Procedural Decisions issued by the Examining Authority; the Section 51 Advice [\[PD-003\]](#) issued 3 August 2023 and the Rule 6 letter [\[PD-009\]](#) issued 5 January 2024. This letter is structured into two parts:

- Section 51 Advice
- Rule 6 Letter

**Section 51 Advice**

In its Section 51 Advice dated 3 August 2023 [\[PD-003\]](#), the Examining Authority noted that the Proposed Development is described in several ways within and between application documents and requested that the Applicant consider the description of the Proposed Development within the Environmental Statement and Draft DCO.

The Applicant has subsequently reviewed **ES Chapter 5: Project Description** [\[APP-030\]](#) and the **Draft DCO** [\[AS-004\]](#) which has resulted in the submission of updated copies of **ES Chapter 5: Project Description** (Doc Ref. 5.1 v2), **ES Project Description Figures** (Doc Ref 5.2 v2) and **Draft DCO** (Doc Ref. 2.1 v3) enclosed with this letter. To assist with navigating both documents, the Applicant has also prepared and submitted a **Project Description Signposting Document** (Doc Ref. 8.7).

**Rule 6 Letter**

The Examining Authority issued its Rule 6 letter on 5 January 2024 [\[PD-009\]](#) advising the details of the Preliminary Meeting and information about how the application will be examined, including a Draft Examination Timetable at Annex D. The Examining Authority also made a number of Procedural Decisions set out in Annex F of the letter.

This response from the Applicant relates to the following requests within the Rule 6 letter due at Procedural Decision A (6 February 2024):

- Any requested changes to the Draft Examination Timetable; and
- Land Rights Tracker (Item 11 of Annex F).

**Draft Examination Timetable**

The Applicant welcomes the publication of the Draft Examination Timetable and looks forward to discussing the timetable at the Preliminary Meeting. In the meantime, the Applicant has one requested change for consideration by the Examining Authority, which relates to Deadline 3 (19 April) – the deadline for the Applicant’s responses to the first set of Written Questions.

The Examining Authority’s Written Questions are due for publication on 28 March which is immediately followed by the Easter bank holidays. The Applicant requests a change of date for Deadline 3 from Friday 19 April to Monday 22 April to account for the Easter bank holidays. No changes are requested to the documents to be submitted. We believe these additional three days will provide the Applicant with sufficient time to submit the required documents to the Examining Authority, whilst allowing sufficient time for review by the Examining Authority and Interested Parties ahead of the commencement of the hearings proposed for the week commencing 29 April.

The Applicant has no further comments to make on the Draft Examination Timetable at this point in time. Any further comments will be made at the Preliminary Meeting.

**Land Rights Tracker**

At Item 11 of Annex F, the Examining Authority has requested the submission of a Land Rights Tracker to capture and manipulate the data currently within the ‘Justification Table and Status of Engagement with Landowners’ and ‘Status of Engagement with Statutory Undertakers’, which form Appendix A and Appendix B to the **Statement of Reasons [AS-008]** in a simple, useable table. The Examining Authority provided the Applicant with an example of a Land Rights Tracker and the content required to form a comprehensive account of the status of negotiations with landowners, Crown bodies and statutory undertakers.

The Applicant has adopted the example provided by the Examining Authority and made minor amendments to the layout, headings and restricted inputs in certain columns to provide further clarity and functionality making the data more accessible. The introduction to the Land Rights Tracker explains each of the columns and any changes made from the example provided by the Examining Authority.

The Applicant has enclosed the **Land Rights Tracker** (Doc Ref. 8.6) as part of this response to Procedural Deadline A. The Applicant will continue to maintain this tracker in anticipation of submission at the intervals set out within the Draft Examination Timetable.

**Submission of Updated and Additional Documents**

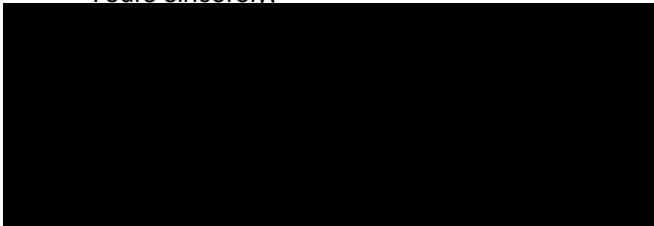
The table below sets out the updated application documents and additional documents submitted as part of this response for ease of reference, including the reason for submission.

<b>Updated or New Document</b>	<b>Document Title and Reference</b>	<b>Reason for Submission</b>
Updated	Navigation Document (clean and tracked versions) (Doc Ref. 1.3 v6)	To include the updated and additional documents submitted as part of this response.
New	Land Rights Tracker (Doc Ref. 8.6)	To respond to the Examining Authority’s

		request at Item 11 of Annex F of its Rule 6 letter.
Updated	Draft Development Consent Order (clean and tracked versions) (Doc Ref. 2.1 v3)	Response to the Section 51 Advice
Updated	Environmental Statement – Chapter 5 Project Description (clean and tracked versions) (Doc Ref 5.1 v2)	Response to the Section 51 Advice
Updated	Environmental Statement – Project Description Figures (clean and tracked versions) (Doc Ref. 5.2 v2)	Response to the Section 51 Advice. Not all figures within the package have amendments required.
New	Project Description Signposting Document (Doc Ref. 8.7)	Response to the Section 51 Advice

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,



**Jonathan Deegan**  
**NRP Programme Lead**  
**Gatwick Airport Limited**

Enclosed separately:

- Navigation Document (clean and tracked versions) (Doc Ref. 1.3 v6)
- Land Rights Tracker (PDF and Excel versions) (Doc Ref. 8.6)
- Draft Development Consent Order (clean and tracked versions) (Doc Ref. 2.1 v3)
- Environmental Statement – Chapter 5 Project Description (clean and tracked versions) (Doc Ref 5.1 v2)
- Environmental Statement – Project Description Figures (clean and tracked versions) (Doc Ref. 5.2 v2)
- Project Description Signposting Document (Doc Ref. 8.7)