



Gatwick Airport Northern Runway Project

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1 Introduction

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 This Statement of Commonality has been prepared in support of the examination phase for the proposed Gatwick Northern Runway Project (NRP). The Application was made by Gatwick Airport Limited (the Applicant) to the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008).

1.1.2 The Application comprises alterations to the existing northern runway which, together with the lifting of the current restrictions on its use, would enable dual runway operations. It also includes the development of a range of infrastructure and facilities which, with the alterations to the northern runway, would enable an increase in the airport's passenger throughput capacity. This includes substantial upgrade works to certain surface access routes which lead to the airport. A full description of the Proposed Development is included in **ES Chapter 5: Project Description** [[AS-133](#)].

1.2 Purpose of Document

1.2.1 This document provides the Examining Authority ("ExA") with an overview of the position of each Statement of Common Ground ("SoCG") between the Applicant, local authorities and prescribed consultees, in relation to the Northern Runway Project at Deadline 1 (12/03/2024).

1.2.2 SoCGs are an established means in the planning process of allowing all parties to identify and focus on specific issues that may need to be considered during the Examination. The SoCGs provide a record of discussions to date and a summary of the matters that are either agreed, subject to ongoing discussion, or not agreed. The level of detail contained within each SoCG is contingent upon the nature, complexity, and positions of the parties involved.

1.2.3 This Statement of Commonality is provided at the request of the ExA in response to the Rule 6 letter dated 5 January 2024. The document offers a comprehensive overview of the structure and status of the SoCG between all relevant interested parties, including local authorities. Areas of commonality across the SoCGs are highlighted, demonstrating the specific matters with shared points of consensus.

1.2.4 The engagement between the SoCG parties across the breadth of matters is ongoing. As a result, the SoCGs and the Statement of Commonality are evolving documents and the detailed wording within remains subject to deliberation. Future iterations will be submitted at relevant deadlines; and parties reserve the

right to supplement the matters identified discussions progress, to ensure it is comprehensive and up to date.

2 Statement of Common Ground Parties

- 2.1.1 The Applicant has entered into a number of SoCGs. These are iterative documents that will be updated throughout the course of the Examination with a view to submit final copies at or before Deadline 9.
- 2.1.2 The Interested Parties with which the Applicant has entered SoCGs with are listed in the Table 1.4.1.

Table 1.4.1 List of SoCG Parties

Stakeholder	Document Reference
Crawley Borough Council	10.1.1
East Sussex County Council	10.1.2
Horsham District Council	10.1.3
Kent County Council	10.1.4
Mid Sussex District Council	10.1.5
Mole Valley District Council	10.1.6
Reigate & Banstead Borough Council	10.1.7
Surrey County Council	10.1.8
Tandridge District Council	10.1.9
West Sussex County Council	10.1.10
Civil Aviation Authority	10.1.11
Environment Agency	10.1.12
Historic England	10.1.13
National Highways	10.1.14
Natural England	10.1.15
Network Rail	10.1.16
Thames Water	10.1.17
Joint Local Authorities	10.1.18

- 2.1.3 The Applicant is seeking to enter into a joint SoCG on matters relating to Forecasting and Need, and Capacity and Operations with a number of the local authorities (Doc Ref 10.1.18) rather than within the individual SoCGs.

2.2 Summary of SoCG Current Position

- 2.2.1 Table 1.4.1 provides a summary of the current position of each SoCG at Deadline 1 (12 March). Where necessary, additional details are included to aid understanding by the ExA.

- 2.2.2 This section will be updated at each deadline during the Examination to explain what has changed since the previous iteration of this document, and where new version of a SoCG has been submitted.
- 2.2.3 **SoCGs have not been submitted with the CAA, Network Rail and the Joint Local Authorities (on Forecasting and Need, and Capacity and Operations matters) at Deadline 1.** The Applicant is actively engaging with these parties and anticipates submitting SoCGs at Deadline 2.

Doc Ref	Interested Party	Deadline 1	Deadline 2	Deadline 3	Deadline 4	Deadline 5	Deadline 6	Deadline 7	Deadline 8	Deadline 9
10.1.1	Crawley Borough Council	Draft submitted								
10.1.2	East Sussex County Council	Draft submitted								
10.1.3	Horsham District Council	Draft submitted								
10.1.4	Kent County Council	Draft submitted								
10.1.5	Mid Sussex District Council	Draft submitted								
10.1.6	Mole Valley District Council	Draft submitted								
10.1.7	Reigate & Banstead Borough Council	Draft submitted								
10.1.8	Surrey County Council	Draft submitted								
10.1.9	Tandridge District Council	Draft submitted								

10.1.10	West Sussex County Council	Draft submitted								
10.1.11	Civil Aviation Authority	Not submitted								
10.1.12	Environment Agency	Draft submitted								
10.1.13	Historic England	Final signed								
10.1.14	National Highways	Draft submitted								
10.1.15	Natural England	Draft submitted								
10.1.16	Network Rail	Not submitted								
10.1.17	Thames Water	Draft submitted								
10.1.18	Joint Local Authorities	Not submitted								

3 Commonality

3.1.1 Table 3.1 lists out the topics covered across the SoCGs and the status of that matter to each party, with the position for each topic presented as follows. Within the matrix in the table, the colour coding represents (a) whether matters under the headings are broadly agreed, under discussion, or not agreed, or (b) whether the heading has not been a material matter in engagement. This is represented by the colour coding set as set out in Table 3.2.

Table 3.1 Status of matters within the Statement of Commonality

Matters mostly agreed	
Matters mostly subject to ongoing discussion	
Matters mostly not agreed	
Matters not relevant to a particular SoCG party	

3.1.2 It is important to note that if a broad topic applies to multiple SoCG parties, the specific details discussed within that topic may not be directly comparable or related. Therefore Table 3.1 should be used as a general guide, and additional information on areas of discussion and matters not agreed should refer to the individual SoCGs (Doc Ref. 10.8.1 to 10.1.18).

3.1.3 Where there has been an equal split between the various headings, the colour coding has been split within the cell to indicate this is the case.

Interested Party	Agricultural Land Use and Recreation	Air Quality	Capacity and Operations	Climate Change	Construction	Cumulative Effects and Interrelationships	Draft DCO and Explanatory Memorandum	Ecology and Nature Conservation	Forecasting and Need	Geology and Ground Conditions	Greenhouse Gases	Health and Wellbeing	Historic Environment	Landscape, Townscape and Visual	Major Accidents and Disasters	Noise and Vibration	Planning and Policy	Project Elements and Approach to Mitigation	Socio-Economics and Economics	Traffic and Transport	Waste and Materials	Water Environment	
Crawley Borough Council																							
East Sussex County Council																							
Horsham District Council																							
Kent County Council																							
Mid Sussex District Council																							
Mole Valley District Council																							
Reigate & Banstead Borough Council																							
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Surrey County Council																							
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Civil Aviation Authority	To be submitted at a future deadline.																						

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Environment Agency								Green		Green													Green
Historic England													Green										
National Highways	Green	Yellow		Yellow	Yellow		Yellow	Yellow		Yellow	Yellow		Yellow	Yellow		Yellow					Yellow		Yellow
Natural England								Green	Yellow					Yellow									
Network Rail	To be submitted at a future deadline.																						
Thames Water							Yellow																Yellow