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Dear Mr Gleeson,

Application for a Development Consent Order by Gatwick Airport Limited for the Gatwick Airport Northern Runway Project (Ref. TR020005) – Deadline 1 Submission

As set out in its Rule 8 letter [\[PD-011\]](#), the Examining Authority (ExA) has requested the following information of relevance to the Applicant to be submitted at Deadline 1:

- Post-hearing submissions, including written summaries of oral submissions to the hearings held between 28 February and 6 March 2024;
- Comments on Relevant Representations;
- Comments on any Additional Submission accepted at the discretion of the ExA;
- Initial Statements of Common Ground;
- Statement of Commonality;
- Draft itinerary for an Accompanied Site Inspection;
- Updated Book of Reference and Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference;
- Updated Navigation Document; and
- Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010.

The following sets out the information the Applicant has supplied for this Deadline 1 in relation to each of the above requests.

Post-Hearing Submissions

The Applicant has provided a written summary of its oral submission made at the Preliminary Meeting (Doc Ref. 10.8.1) held 27 February 2024. Additionally, it has provided a response to the matters raised at the two Open Floor Hearings (OFH) held 28 February 2024 (Doc Ref. 10.9.1).

For each of the five Issue Specific Hearings (ISH) held between 29 February and 6 March 2024, the Applicant encloses its written summaries of its oral submissions. The written summaries relate to:

- ISH1: The Case for the Proposed Development (Doc Ref. 10.8.2)

- ISH2: Draft DCO / Control Documents (Doc Ref. 10.8.3)
- ISH3: Socio-Economics (including Health and Wellbeing) (Doc Ref. 10.8.4)
- ISH4: Surface Transport (Doc Ref. 10.8.5)
- ISH5: Aviation Noise (Doc Ref. 10.8.6)

Accompanying each written summary is a document setting out the Applicant's responses at Deadline 1 to the actions arising at each ISH:

- ISH1: The Case for the Proposed Development (Doc Ref. 10.9.2)
- ISH2: Draft DCO / Control Documents (Doc Ref. 10.9.3)
- ISH3: Socio-Economics (including Health and Wellbeing) (Doc Ref. 10.9.4)
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In order to fully respond to some actions, application documents have been updated with some additional documents provided separately. These are detailed within each response and within the table at the end of this letter.

Where there are actions with deadlines beyond Deadline 1, these will be reported on at the relevant deadline.

Comments on Relevant Representations

A total of 4,843 Relevant Representations (RRs) were submitted by Interested Parties (IPs). All of the RRs have been reviewed and considered by the Applicant and responded to in the **Relevant Representation Report** (Doc Ref. 10.2) or through the **Statements of Common Ground** (SoCGs) (Doc Ref. 10.1.1 to 10.1.18).

Due to the volume of RRs received, all RRs have been triaged and categorised for response by the Applicant's technical teams. Within the Relevant Representation Report, the Applicant has provided bespoke responses to certain additional identified IPs. All other RRs have been responded to thematically within the report. While all RRs have been reviewed and considered, the report does not provide a direct response to each RR individually in order to avoid repetition.

Where the Applicant is entering into a SoCG with an IP, the response to the issues raised in their RR and any Principal Areas of Disagreement Summary Statement (PADSS) are set out in the **SoCGs** (Doc Ref. 10.1.1 to 10.1.18). The responses to the issues raised by these stakeholders therefore do not feature within the Relevant Representation Report.

Initial Statements of Common Ground and Statement of Commonality

The Applicant has drafted initial SoCGs with a number of IPs, these are set out in the table below.

Doc Reference	SoCG Party	RR Reference Number
10.1.1	Crawley Borough Council	RR-0935
10.1.2	East Sussex County Council	RR-1252
10.1.3	Horsham District Council	RR-1742
10.1.4	Kent County Council	RR-2422



10.1.5	Mid Sussex District Council	RR-3043
10.1.6	Mole Valley District Council	RR-3073
10.1.7	Reigate and Banstead Borough Council	RR-3734 & RR-3735
10.1.8	Surrey County Council	RR-4398 & RR-4399
10.1.9	Tandridge District Council	RR-4487
10.1.10	West Sussex County Council	RR-4773
10.1.11	Civil Aviation Authority (not submitted at Deadline 1)	RR-0831
10.1.12	Environment Agency	RR-1374
10.1.13	Historic England	RR-1736
10.1.14	National Highways	RR-3222
10.1.15	Natural England	RR-3223
10.1.16	Network Rail (not submitted at Deadline 1)	RR-3247
10.1.17	Thames Water	RR-4518
10.1.18	Joint Local Authorities (on Forecasting and Need and Capacity and Operations) (not submitted at Deadline 1)	

At Deadline 1, these SoCGs have been drafted using the RRs and PADSS produced by relevant IPs. The Applicant shared its responses to the issues raised within those documents with each relevant IP in late December 2023 and January 2024. In most cases, the IPs have responded indicating an initial status of whether an issue is agreed or not and an updated position in response to the responses shared by the Applicant. The Applicant has not provided further updated responses at this point in time (except to signpost where new information is available) but all SoCGs have been shared with the relevant IP prior to submission as part of this deadline. The Applicant intends to work closely with the relevant IPs to iteratively update the SoCGs as discussions progress.

These SoCGs remain draft work in progress and will continue to be progressed throughout the Examination with finalised SoCGs being submitted when they have been signed by both parties and in any event by Deadline 9. The SoCG with Historic England (Doc Ref. 10.1.13) has been finalised and signed by both parties and is included in this Deadline 1 submission. All SoCGs have been shared with the relevant IP prior to submission as part of this deadline.

In order to respond and resolve some of the matters raised within the SoCGs, the Applicant has produced further information and updated versions of examination documents to be submitted into the Examination. These documents have been prepared or updated in response to representations received on the Application and queries raised in Topic Working Groups with key stakeholders, particularly the Joint Local Authorities.

The documents that have been produced or updated in response to comments from IPs through SoCG discussions, RRs and PADDs or in response to discussions at the ISH are as follows:

- **Supporting Air Quality Technical Notes to SoCGs** (Doc Ref. 10.4)
 - These comprise a series of technical notes covering air quality related matters to respond to queries and/or progress issues raised through the Local Authorities and National Highways RRs and PADDs. Reference is made to the relevant technical notes alongside the associated issue within the SoCGs submitted at this Deadline 1.
- **Car Parking Strategy** (Doc Ref. 10.5)
 - Provides information relating to existing on-airport parking at Gatwick Airport and the rationale for the approach to car parking proposed as part of the DCO Application, particularly in respect of parking provision and management in the context of the proposed **Surface Access Commitments** [APP-090]. This has been provided in response to the matters raised within the RRs, including the Local Authorities RRs and PADDs to progress SoCG discussions.
- **Needs Case Technical Appendix** (Doc Ref. 10.6)
 - Provides technical details in support of the **Needs Case** [APP-250], including the Applicant's approach to the development of the forecasts for the DCO Application and top-down forecasts in direct response to feedback and requests from the Joint Local Authorities.
- **Capacity and Operations Summary Paper and Airfield Capacity Study** (Doc Ref. 10.7)
 - The Capacity and Operations Summary Paper provides background information on existing operations at Gatwick Airport and outlines the proposed Northern Runway infrastructure and the concept of dual runway operations. It explains the capacity available at the airport today, in the future baseline and with the NRP. The Airfield Capacity Study is included as an appendix which models and compares the current and future performance of single and dual runway operations.
 - For information, draft versions of the 'Needs Case Technical Appendix' and 'Capacity and Operations Summary Paper and Airfield Capacity Study' were provided to York Aviation (the technical consultant instructed by members of the Joint Local Authorities in relation to the Northern Runway Project) on 2 February 2024 to inform topic working group discussions held on 9 and 15 February 2024 respectively.
- **ES Appendix 8.10.1: Tree Survey Report and Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA)** (Doc Ref. 5.3)
 - This report presents detailed tree survey data for the Project, including an assessment of the quality of the surveyed trees and an assessment of the arboricultural impact of the Project to provide additional information to **ES Chapter 8: Landscape Townscape and Visual Resources** [APP-033]. The report and assessment are submitted in response to the Local Authorities RRs and PADDs and in order to progress SoCG discussions.
- **ES Appendix 5.3.2: Code of Construction Practice** (Doc Ref. 5.3 v2)
 - The Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) has been updated in response to comments raised through the Local Authorities RRs and PADDs (contained in the SoCGs), to reflect changes made to the corresponding Requirements in the **Draft DCO** (Doc Ref. 2.1 v5) and to incorporate a new Annex 6 Outline Arboricultural Method Statement detailed below. The submitted version also reflects updates required as a result of Project Changes 1-3 described in the **Change Application Report** [AS-139], which have now been accepted into the Examination by the Examining Authority [PD-011].

- **Outline Arboricultural Method Statement**, comprising Annex 6 of ES Appendix 5.3.2: Code of Construction Practice (Doc Ref. 5.3 v2)
 - This statement provides detail on arboricultural mitigation and protection measures required during the construction of the Project, building from the measures previously contained in the CoCP and taking account of the Tree Survey Report and AIA herein submitted (discussed above). The statement is submitted in response to the Local Authorities RR and PADDs to enable SoCG discussions to progress.
- **Rights of Way and Access Plans – For Approval** (Doc Ref. 4.6 v2)
 - Updated versions are submitted to address National Highways and the local Highway Authorities' request that the Rights of Way and Access Plans define the segregated and shared use active provisions separately for pedestrians and cyclists.
- **Surface Access Highways Plans – Structure Section Drawings – For Approval** (Doc Ref. 4.8.3 v2)
 - Updated versions are submitted to address National Highways' request that the indicative central reserve safety barrier provisions is reflected on the Structure Section Drawings and to address errata in relation to the position and direction of sections for Airport Way Bridge over A23 London Road and Balcombe Road Underbridge.
- **Draft DCO and Explanatory Memorandum** (Doc Ref. 2.1 v5 and Doc Ref. 2.2 v3)
 - Updated versions are submitted to address the matters raised in the SoCG, RRs and further discussions with the Joint Local Authorities, National Highways and other Interested Parties and in response to discussions at the ISHs. The submitted version also reflects updates required as a result of Project Changes 1-3 described in the **Change Application Report [AS-139]**, which have now been accepted into the Examination by the Examining Authority **[PD-011]**.

Navigation Document

The Applicant has submitted an updated version of the **Navigation Document** (Doc Ref. 1.3 v8) as part of this submission.

Draft Itinerary for an Accompanied Site Inspection

At the request of the ExA in the Rule 8 Letter **[PD-011]**, the Applicant has produced and submitted a **Draft Itinerary for an Accompanied Site Inspection** (Doc Ref. 10.3) for consideration for an Accompanied Site Inspection tentatively scheduled to take place on 3 May 2024 if required by the ExA.

Updated Book of Reference and Schedule of Changes

At the request of the ExA in the Rule 8 Letter **[PD-011]**, the Applicant has produced and submitted an updated version of the **Book of Reference** (Doc Ref. 3.3 v3) along with a **Schedule of Changes** (Doc Ref. 3.3 v2).

In updating the Book of Reference it was identified that a number of rows had been included in duplicate through an exporting error which affected a very limited number of plots. These duplicate rows have been removed from the Book of Reference and are shown as a change in this Schedule of Changes as "removed duplicate interest". This is not a change to the land interests in the plot but the correction of a clerical error.

The Rule 6 letter received from the ExA dated 5 January 2024 [PD-009] requested that when the Applicant becomes aware that there has been a change in ownership or a new interest in relevant land, that the Applicant notifies the relevant person of their right to make a request to the ExA to become an interested party under section 102A of the Planning Act 2008. In updating the Book of Reference approximately two hundred new relevant persons have been identified, with the significant majority being Category 3 interests. This is reflective of the precautionary approach the Applicant undertook to setting the Category 3 boundary (as described in Section 7.2 of the Statement of Reasons [AS-008]).

The Applicant confirms that it has sent notifications, as requested by the ExA, to those identified as having a new Category 1 or Category 2 interest and not those with a new category 3 interest. To notify all the persons with a new Category 3 interest would be a considerable financial and administrative undertaking for the Applicant (beyond what is required under the Planning Act 2008 and associated regulations) and given the scale of the Book of Reference for this Application, one that is likely to be noticeable at future 'refresh' points as well.

This is also considered proportionate because those with a new Category 1 or 2 interest have obtained an interest in land that may be physically affected by the Project. Those with a new Category 3 interest, however, have obtained an interest in land that may be affected by the operation of the Project. The Category 3 interest holders would or might be entitled to make a relevant claim for compensation under section 10 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 and/ or Part 1 of the Land Compensation Act 1973 and/ or section 152(3) of the Planning Act 2008.

Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

The ExA has not requested any information under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010.

Errata

The Applicant has submitted **ES Chapter 5: Project Description** (clean and tracked) (Doc Ref. 5.1 v4) to address one point of errata in paragraph 5.2.22 to correct the description of the relationship of the existing northern runway to the runway shoulders.

The erratum has been identified whilst preparing the ISH1 related action to provide further details on the northern runway works. The correct text was contained in Version 1 of **ES Chapter 5: Project Description**, but incorrect in the updated versions (Versions 2 and 3). The text has therefore been corrected back to the original Version 1 text.

The submitted version of **ES Chapter 5: Project Description** reflects updates required as a result of Project Changes 1-3 described in the **Change Application Report** [AS-139], which have now been accepted into the Examination by the Examining Authority [PD-011].

To address inconsistency to terminology against **ES Chapter 4: Existing Site and Operations** [APP-029] and **ES Chapter 5: Project Description** (Doc Ref. 5.1 v4), the **ES Existing Site and Operations Figures** (Doc Ref. 5.2 v2) have been updated and submitted as part of Deadline 1.

Further, the Applicant has also identified that a figure was missing from the **ES Air Quality Figures – Part 2**. An updated copy of this document (Doc Ref. 5.3 v2) has been provided with the missing Figure 4.1.1 – Modelled Road Network included.

Submission of Updated and Additional Documents



The table below sets out the updated application documents and additional documents submitted as part of Deadline 1 for ease of reference, including the reason for submission.

Updated or New Document	Document Title	Reference	Reason for Submission
Updated	Navigation Document (clean and tracked versions)	Doc Ref. 1.3 v8	To include the updated and additional documents submitted by the Applicant at this Deadline.
Updated	Draft Development Consent Order (clean and tracked versions)	Doc Ref. 2.1 v5	Updated as a result of actions from the ISHs and to respond to requests by National Highways and the JLAs and comments in the RRs and SoCGs.
New	Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order	Doc Ref. 2.1	
Updated	Explanatory Memorandum to the Draft Development Consent Order (clean and tracked versions)	Doc Ref. 2.2 v3	
Updated	Book of Reference (clean and tracked versions)	Doc Ref. 3.3 v3	Updated as required by the ExA at Deadline 1.
Updated	Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference	Doc Ref. 3.3 v2	
Updated	Rights of Way and Access Plans	Doc Ref. 4.6 v2	To address comments raised by National Highways and the local highway authorities to define the segregated and shared use active travel provisions separately for pedestrians and cyclists.
Updated	Surface Access Highways Plans – Structure Section Drawings – For Approval	Doc Ref. 4.8.3 v2	To address a minor amendment requested by National Highways to illustrate indicative central reserve safety barrier provision.
Updated	ES Chapter 5: Project Description (clean and tracked versions)	Doc Ref. 5.1 v4	To address errata.



Updated	ES Existing Site and Operations Figures (clean and tracked versions)	Doc Ref 5.2 v2	To address inconsistency to terminology against ES Chapter 4: Existing Site and Operation [APP-029] and ES Chapter 5: Project Description (Doc Ref. 5.1 v4).
Updated	ES Air Quality Figures – Part 2	Doc Ref. 5.2 v2	Updated to correct errata where Figure 4.1.1 – Modelled Road Network was missing from the figures.
Updated	ES Appendix 5.3.2: Code of Construction Practice (clean and tracked versions)	Doc Ref. 5.3 v2	Updated in response to comments raised through the SoCGs, to reflect changes made to the corresponding Requirements in the Draft DCO, the Arboricultural Method Statement and Project Changes 1-3.
New	ES Appendix 5.3.2: Code of Construction Practice – Annex 6: Outline Arboricultural Method Statement	Doc Ref. 5.3	Submitted in response to the Local Authorities RRs and PADDS to enable SoCG discussions to progress.
New	ES Appendix 8.10.1: Tree Survey Report and Arboricultural Impact Assessment	Doc Ref 5.3	The report and assessment are submitted in response to the Local Authorities RRs and PADSS.
New	Statement of Commonality	Doc Ref 10.1	Statement of Commonality and Statements of Common Ground as requested by the ExA for Deadline 1.
New	Statement of Common Ground with Crawley Borough Council	Doc Ref. 10.1.1	
New	Statement of Common Ground with East Sussex County Council	Doc Ref. 10.1.2	
New	Statement of Common Ground with Horsham District Council	Doc Ref. 10.1.3	



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New	Statement of Common Ground with Reigate and Banstead Borough Council	Doc Ref. 10.1.7	
New	Statement of Common Ground with Surrey County Council	Doc Ref. 10.1.8	
New	Statement of Common Ground with Tandridge District Council	Doc Ref. 10.1.9	
New	Statement of Common Ground with West Sussex County Council	Doc Ref. 10.1.10	
New	Statement of Common Ground with Environment Agency	Doc Ref. 10.1.12	
New	Statement of Common Ground with Historic Environment	Doc Ref. 10.1.13	
New	Statement of Common Ground with National Highways	Doc Ref. 10.1.14	
New	Statement of Common Ground with Natural England	Doc Ref. 10.1.15	
New	Statement of Common Ground with Thames Water	Doc Ref. 10.1.17	
New	Relevant Representation Report	Doc Ref. 10.2	The Applicant's response to the Relevant Representations as required by the ExA at Deadline 1.
New	Draft Itinerary for an Accompanied Site Inspection	Doc Ref. 10.3	The Applicant's Draft Itinerary for an Accompanied Site Inspection as required by the ExA at Deadline 1.



New	Supporting Air Quality Technical Notes to SoCGs	Doc Ref. 10.4	Provides information in relation to air quality matter raised in the SoCGs.
New	Car Parking Strategy	Doc Ref. 10.5	Provides information relating to existing on-airport parking at Gatwick Airport and the rationale for approach to car parking proposed as part of the DCO Application, in response to matters raised within the SoCGs.
New	Needs Case Technical Appendix	Doc Ref. 10.6	Provides technical details in support of the Needs Case [APP-250], including the Applicant's approach to the development of the forecasts for the DCO Application in response to matters raised within the SoCGs.
New	Capacity and Operations Summary Paper	Doc Ref. 10.7	Provide information on existing and proposed operations at Gatwick Airport in response to matters raised within the SoCGs.
New	Appendix: Airfield Capacity Study	Doc Ref. 10.7	
New	Written Summary of Oral Submissions – Preliminary Meeting	Doc Ref. 10.8.1	The Applicant's summary of its oral submissions made at the Preliminary Meeting and ISHs1-5.
New	Written Summary of Oral Submissions – ISH1: Case for the Proposed Development	Doc Ref. 10.8.2	
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New	Written Summary of Oral Submissions – ISH4: Surface Transport	Doc Ref. 10.8.5	
New	Written Summary of Oral Submissions – ISH5: Aviation Noise	Doc Ref. 10.8.6	
New	The Applicant's Response to Matters Raised at Open Floor Hearings 1 and 2	Doc Ref. 10.9.1	The Applicant's response to the matters raised by IPs at OFH1 and OFH2 and the actions arising from ISHs1-5.
New	The Applicant's Response to Actions - ISH 1: Case for the Proposed Development	Doc Ref. 10.9.2	
New	The Applicant's Response to Actions - ISH 2: Draft DCO / Control Documents	Doc Ref. 10.9.3	
New	The Applicant's Response to Actions - ISH 3: Socio-Economics (including Health and Wellbeing)	Doc Ref. 10.9.4	
New	The Applicant's Response to Actions - ISH 4: Surface Transport	Doc Ref. 10.9.5	
New	The Applicant's Response to Actions - ISH 5: Aviation Noise	Doc Ref. 10.9.6	
New	Technical Note on the Future Baseline	Doc Ref. 10.10	

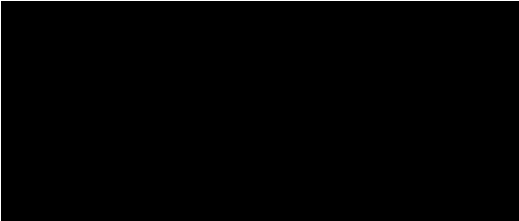
If the Applicant can be of any further assistance or the ExA considers any further clarification is required in response to the information and documentation submitted as part of this submission, please do not hesitate to contact the Applicant using the details already provided.



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Yours sincerely,



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