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Dear Mr Gleeson,

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Natural England's answers to the Examiners Written Questions 1 in respect of Gatwick Airport's Northern Runway project.

Examining Authority's submission deadline with a date of 19 April 2024.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

For any further advice on this consultation please contact the case officer Sophie Moore and copy to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Summary Of Advice

GEN.1.33- Natural England does not consider the publication of the updated National Networks National Policy Statement (NNNPS) to impact upon the aspects of the DCO on which we will be commenting.

DCO.1.7- Natural England can confirm that we have sufficient resource to support discharging authorities should they consult us regarding DCO requirements and allow sufficient time for responses in line with our standards.

EN.1.3- We have not yet received draft licences. Subject to us being consulted in a timely manner, there is no known "in principle" reason why we would not be able to submit Letters of No Impediment into the Examination.

EN.1.11- Natural England has no comment to make on this question as the mitigation measures outlined in Table 9.8.1 relate to matters to which we have not provided a detailed response, as stated in our relevant representations (our ref. 449361) dated 27 October 2023.

EN.1.18- Natural England agrees with the assumptions made in paragraphs 2.2.18 and 4.5.16 of the HRA and with how this has been accounted for in the assessment of operational emissions resulting from the Proposed Development.

EN.1.27- We agree with the applicant's approach to assessing air quality as set out in the HRA, including assumptions made by the applicant in the assessment.

EN.1.28- Natural England agrees with the conclusions of the HRA, as set out in our response to the Relevant Representations consultation dated 27 October 2023 (our ref. 449361).

Yours sincerely

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