

**Gatwick Northern Runway
TR020005
Cover Letter Deadline 3**

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Dear Mr Gleeson,

GATWICK NORTHERN RUNWAY PROJECT – DEADLINE 3 SUBMISSION

Please find attached National Highways' Deadline 3 submission.

The following documents are provided:

1. Response to comments on any further information/submissions received by Deadline 2.
2. Responses to the Examining Authority's Written Questions **[TR020005/PR/012]** submitted into the examination on 28 March 2024.
3. Written Representation on the Applicant's proposal to amend its DCO Application

National Highways notes that, in accordance with the Rule 8 Letter **[TR020005/PD/011]**, Deadline 3 affords interested parties with the ability to submit any comments on written representations or local impact reports submitted at Deadline 1. National Highways can confirm that its representations were submitted at Deadline 2 as part of its comments on any further information / submissions received by Deadline 1 **[TR020005/REP2/055]**.

For the purpose of updating the Examining Authority, National Highways met with the Applicant on the 5 April 2024 to discuss additional VISSIM modelling required in order to provide the information necessary to answer the questions raised by National Highways regarding concerns relating to the unknown construction period impacts. National Highways can confirm that both parties have agreed on the scenarios that the Applicant is to model, which include:

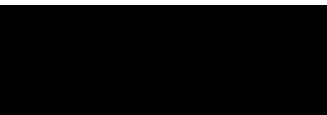
- Construction works and traffic management reflecting period January – June 2029

- Construction works and traffic management reflecting period July – December 2029
- Construction works and traffic management reflecting period July – December 2029 (incorporating the additional restriction of a single lane Airport Way Eastbound in place for an estimated duration of 1.5 months)
- Construction works and traffic management reflecting period January – June 2030
- Construction works and traffic management reflecting period July – December 2030

An additional VISSIM assessment for the construction period Construction works and traffic management reflecting period January – June 2031 may be requested by National Highways. This construction period corresponds to the temporary traffic management layout presented in Figure 2 of National Highways Written Representation **[TR020005/REP1/088]** where National Highways highlighted concerns that the layout would reduce traffic capacity at South Terminal Roundabout at a point in time where all traffic would continue to utilise the Roundabout. The Applicant has advised that additional details will be provided to National Highways on this particular construction phase which may address National Highways concerns, however this information is committed for delivery on the 19 April 2024, which does not afford National Highways specialists the time to review the information and update the Applicant at Deadline 3. Following receipt of this information, National Highways will review the additional information provided by the Applicant to determine if it satisfies the concerns raised in its Written Representation. If concerns relating to the operation of the network at South Terminal remain for this construction phase, National Highways will request this further VISSIM modelling is undertaken by the Applicant and will notify the Examining Authority of this request as part of National Highways Deadline 4 submission.

Whilst National Highways acknowledges the Applicant's commitment to undertaking these additional VISSIM simulations, National Highways has concerns over the timescales needed to complete these assessments and the subsequent outputs being introduced into the examination. National Highways will therefore re-consider the likelihood of any of its related matters being addressed during the examination in the update to the Principal Areas of Disagreement Summary Statement at Deadline 5, in accordance with the examination timetable set out in the Rule 8 Letter, when further clarity is provided by the Applicant on estimated timescales.

Yours Sincerely,



Peter Fisher

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