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

7 May 2024

Dear Mr Gleeson,

Application for a Development Consent Order by Gatwick Airport Limited for the Gatwick Airport Northern Runway Project (Ref. TR020005) – Applicant’s second notification to submit a request for a proposed change to the application for development consent

I write on behalf of Gatwick Airport Limited (“GAL” or the “Applicant”) in relation to the application for development consent for the Gatwick Airport Northern Runway Project, which was accepted for examination on 3 August 2023 and is currently in the examination stage.

Following submission of the Application, the Applicant put forward three changes to the application which were identified through the refinement of the Project proposals taking account of stakeholder feedback and Gatwick Airport’s own sustainability aspirations. These three changes were accepted into the examination by the appointed Examining Authority on 8 March 2024.

As a result of ongoing engagement between GAL and Thames Water Utilities Limited on the Project proposals, the Applicant has identified a need to put forward a further request to change the application to provide an on-airport Wastewater Treatment Works facility (‘Project Change 4’). This facility is being put forward by the Applicant as an alternative option to manage wastewater generated by the Project due to ongoing uncertainty regarding Thames Water’s long-term wastewater treatment capacity in the local area.

In accordance with the Planning Inspectorate’s Advice Note Sixteen¹, please find enclosed a Second Notification Report which has been prepared in line with Figure 2a of the advice note.

As set out in the Second Notification Report, the Applicant considers that the proposed change is non-material and would not result in a materially different Project. The change would not involve the inclusion of additional land or require the acquisition of different or new land, nor would the change give rise to any materially new or materially different adverse environmental effects in comparison to those assessed and reported in the Environmental Statement submitted as part of the Application. Further detail is contained in the submitted Second Notification Report, together with the Applicant’s proposed approach to consultation

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nationally-significant-infrastructure-projects-advice-note-sixteen-requests-to-change-applications-after-they-have-been-accepted-for-examination>

and indicative programme for making the formal change request. The Examining Authority's views are sought on the scale and nature of the proposed consultation exercise.

This notification has been submitted as soon as possible and has sought to ensure that time is available for the necessary steps to be taken and accommodated as part of the statutory timescales for the Examination stage.

I would be grateful if the Planning Inspectorate would confirm receipt of this letter and the Second Notification Report. If we can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Jonathan Deegan
NRP Programme Lead
Gatwick Airport Limited

Enclosed as part of this letter:

- Second Notification of a Proposed Project Change (Doc Ref. 10.27)