



Planning Act 2008 – Section 91

Application by Gatwick Airport Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Gatwick Airport Northern Runway Project

Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 8: Other Environmental Matters (ISH8)

Date:	Tuesday 18 June and Wednesday 19 June 2024
Time:	10:00am both days Room opens 9:15am/ Virtual registration from 9:15am
Venue:	Virtual event (Microsoft Teams) and Sandman Signature London Gatwick Hotel, 18-23 Tinsley Lane South, Three Bridges, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 8XH
Access and parking:	Limited free on-site parking
Background information:	Please see Annex A

It is anticipated that items 1 – 5 will be heard on Tuesday 18 June and items 6 – 11 on Wednesday 19 June

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome, introductions and arrangements for the Hearing**
 - 1.1 The Examining Authority (ExA) will welcome participants, lead introductions, and address housekeeping matters.
- 2. Purpose of the Hearing**
 - 2.1 The ExA will explain the purpose of the Hearing. Except where indicated questions will be directed primarily at the Applicant but other Interested Parties (IP) will be invited to respond to each agenda item.
- 3. Surface Access Commitments [\[REP3-028\]](#)**
 - 3.1 Mode share targets and controls.
 - 3.2 Transport Steering Group/ Transport Forum Steering Group/ Transport Mitigation Fund Decision Group.
 - 3.3 Staff travel – Drop off and pick up.
- 4. Car Parking**



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4.1 Discussion about parking numbers as set out in the Car Parking Strategy [\[REP1-051\]](#) and the Applicant's response to our Rule 17 letter about car parking [\[REP4-019\]](#).

4.2 Comparison of parking supply at London Heathrow and London Gatwick airports.

5. Good Design

5.1 The ExA will explore Good Design and outstanding concerns relating to the topic, including the following matters:

- The detail and breadth of the Design and Access Statement (DAS) [\[REP2-032\]](#) to [\[REP2-036\]](#);
- Linkage of the DAS with other documents, such as the DAS Appendix 1 Design Principles document [\[REP3-056\]](#), the Outline Landscape Ecology Management Plan [\[REP4-012\]](#), [\[REP4-014\]](#), [\[REP4-016\]](#), and the Code of Construction Practice [\[REP4-007\]](#);
- External and internal design review; and
- The control of design matters within the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO), including 'excepted' development.

6. Noise

6.1 The ExA will ask the Applicant and other IPs about the use of noise envelopes to regulate aviation noise in the context of relevant policies and guidance. This would include reference to the Environmental Statement Appendix 14.9.7: The Noise Envelope [\[APP-177\]](#) and include:

- Stakeholder engagement in the development of the Applicant's proposal;
- Proposed scope, values, parameters, times of day, times of year;
- Roles and responsibilities and the use of leading or lagging indicators in their enforcement and review; and
- Additional and alternative aviation noise control mechanisms.

6.2 The ExA will ask the Applicant and other IPs about the use of the proposed noise insulation scheme as a form of receptor-based mitigation. This would include reference to the Environmental Statement Appendix 14.9.10: Noise Insulation Scheme [\[REP4-017\]](#) and include:

- How the mitigation is secured, initiated, designed, implemented and maintained;
- Efficacy of the mitigation in terms of the avoidance of likely significant effects; and
- Extension to non-residential receptors.

6.3 The ExA would like to hear from the Applicant and other Interested Parties about noise effect thresholds following submissions made since ISH5.

7. Ecology



7.1 The ExA will explore outstanding concerns relating to Ecology and Biodiversity, to include:

- A 'landscape-scale approach' to assessing and addressing ecological impacts;
- Local Nature Recovery Strategies; and
- Biodiversity Net Gain and clarifications around loss of and replacement trees and woodland.

8. The draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)

- 8.1 The Applicant and Joint Local Authorities will be asked about specific articles and schedules of the dDCO (excluding Schedules 1 and 2) where agreement is unlikely to be reached by the close of the Examination.
- 8.2 The Applicant and Joint Local Authorities will be asked about their positions regarding the level of detail for individual Work Numbers contained in Schedule 1 of the dDCO.
- 8.3 The Applicant and Joint Local Authorities will be asked about unresolved matters within Schedule 2 of the dDCO – Requirements.

9. Action points arising from the Hearing

10. Any other business

- 10.1 Examination Closing Statements
- 10.2 Consolidated Environmental Statement

11. Close of Hearing

Attendees

All IPs are welcome to attend the Hearing but should note that the Hearing is primarily to hear oral representations on the agenda items. With this in mind, please refer to **Annex A** for further information including how to register to participate. The ExA specifically invites representatives from the following parties to attend because the ExA considers their oral representations on the agenda items will assist in progressing the Examination:

- The Applicant.
- The host authorities of Crawley Borough Council, West Sussex County Council, Mole Valley District Council, Reigate and Banstead Borough Council, Tandridge District Council and Surrey County Council.
- The neighbouring authorities of Horsham District Council, Mid Sussex District Council, East Sussex County Council, and Kent County Council.
- National Highways.
- Network Rail.
- Communities Against Gatwick Noise Emissions (CAGNE).



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- Gatwick Airport Consultative Committee (GATCOM).
- Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign (GACC).
- Gatwick Obviously Not (GON).
- Plane Wrong.



Background information

The purpose of this Hearing is to focus on issues which the Examining Authority (ExA) wishes to address primarily to the Applicant. In accordance with Section 91 of the Planning Act 2008, the ExA is holding this Hearing to consider oral representations on the issues on the agenda.

This agenda has been published immediately following Deadline 5. By the time of this Hearing, both the ExA and Interested Parties (IP) will have had little time to read or digest the documents submitted at Deadline 5. The Hearing may consider matters raised at Deadline 5 (bearing this short period of time in mind) but matters arising from such submissions will be addressed subsequently if necessary and can be responded to at Deadline 6 (26 June 2024).

All IPs and Affected Persons (AP) may participate in the in person or virtually via Microsoft Teams, but to assist with their management you have been requested to register by completing the **Issue Specific Hearing Participation Form**. The deadline to register for the ISH was Monday 3 June 2024. IPs and APs who have not registered by this date should contact the Case Team as soon as possible:

GatwickAirport@planninginspectorate.gov.uk.

Full instructions on how to join online will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered. If you are joining a Hearing online as an active participant, please connect to the Hearing in good time. In common with traditional Hearings, the event will start on time irrespective of any late arrivals, for whom access may not be possible.

The event will also be livestreamed and a link for watching the livestream will be posted on the project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website closer to the event date.

To enable a prompt start, the Hearing venue will be open for participants to take their seats prior to the start time of each Hearing. Please refer to the individual agendas for confirmation of room opening times.

The Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provide that the ExA that will probe, test and assess the evidence at Hearings through direct questioning of persons making oral representations. Questioning will therefore be led by the ExA. Cross-questioning of the person giving evidence by another person will **only** be permitted if the ExA decides it is necessary to ensure representations are adequately tested or that a person has had a fair chance to put their case. Parties wishing to make a representation will be invited to do so at the ExA's discretion.

The ExA will begin the Hearing with opening comments and introductions, then will run through housekeeping matters and explain how the Hearing will be conducted.



The agenda is for guidance only. It is not designed to be exclusive or exhaustive. The ExA may add other issues for consideration, may alter the order in which issues are considered and will seek to allocate sufficient time to each issue to allow proper consideration of them. The Hearing will finish as soon as the ExA deems that all matters have been covered. Any lack of discussion of a particular issue at a Hearing does not preclude further examination of the issue, including the asking of further written questions.

All IPs and APs are welcome to attend the Hearing and are entitled to make oral representations. However, this is subject to the power of the ExA to control the conduct and management of the Hearing in the interests of the efficient use of time.

Every effort will be made to ensure that the issues will be discussed on the day that they are scheduled for. If there are additional matters to be dealt with or submissions that take a considerable amount of time, there may be a need to continue the session for longer on the day. Alternatively, it may be necessary to prioritise matters and defer others to written questions.

Each Hearing is held at the discretion of the ExA to consider matters that it considers to be important and relevant to the effective and robust examination of the application. Consequently, the business of the Hearing will be limited to the matters identified in the agenda or otherwise raised by the ExA.

Active participation is at the invitation and discretion of the ExA. Oral submissions must address the matters and questions identified on the Hearing agenda or raised by the ExA at the Hearing. Oral submissions on other subject matters or from persons who have not been invited to speak by the ExA may only be heard at the discretion of the ExA, who may decide that such matters are not heard in the interests of relevance, efficiency or fairness.

Participants may be legally represented if they wish, but the Hearing will be conducted to ensure that legal representation is not required.

A recording and transcript of each Hearing will be published by the Planning Inspectorate on the project webpage and any IP or AP may make a written submission on the specific matters either included in the agendas or arising at the Hearing by **Deadline 6 (Wednesday 26 June 2024)**.