



Planning Inspector

The Village Hall
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Redhill, Surrey
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Dear Sirs

**Gatwick Airport Northern Runway Project – Development Consent Order
Issue Specific Hearing 8: other Environmental Matters ISH8
Relevant Representation of Salfords and Sidlow Parish Council
(registration identification No. 20044989)**

Salfords and Sidlow is a civil Parish within the borough of Reigate and Banstead in Surrey. The parish occupies most of the rural area between Reigate/Redhill and Horley. Salfords village lies approximately 3 miles south of Redhill astride the A23. Sidlow Village lies to the west of Salfords, South of Reigate on the A217. The Parish Council represents a population of about 3,500 of which 2,700 are electors.

Gatwick Airport is about 3 miles south from both villages and Routes 3 and 4 fly over the Parish. We are impacted by its operations both on the ground and in the air. Many residents work locally either at the Airport or in other businesses as well as reside here. This written statement considers views raised during the last year since the application for a second runway was first issued.

Parish Councillor Stephen Rolph represented Salfords and Sidlow parish Council at Issue Specific Hearing 8. Upon reflection after these two days of hearings we would like to submit these representations on behalf of our residents.

Surface Transport

The applicant has set out their target figure for Mode Share Targets i.e. Public Transport use at the Airport.

However, currently the Applicant, at the North terminal, requires local buses, principally operated by Metrobus, to stop some distance from the North Terminal entrance and for passengers to have a walk, with minimal weather protection, to the Terminal building.

If these passengers are not in the first flush of mobility and energy then this walk, with luggage, may discourage potential passengers from using local bus services to access the airport potentially leading to more cars on local roads etc.



Transport Mitigation Fund Decision Group

If the proposed Tonbridge to Gatwick Airport rail service is ever to start, could this group be guided to recommend some of their fund is used to assist the railways in setting up this service? The funding of route-training for drivers based in Tonbridge could be one expense in setting up this service.

Noise – developing the Applicant’s Noise Envelope proposal

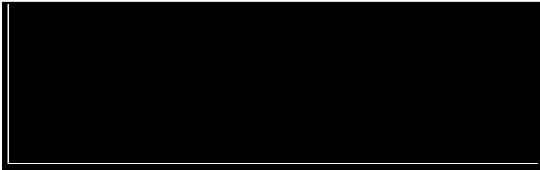
This Council would like reassurance that any changes to Airspace Utilisation over our area of East Surrey would be incorporated into the Noise Envelope over time. We note the comments made by others during ISH8 that planes departing from Gatwick may be held at lower heights to accommodate movements from Heathrow already at higher heights.

Ecology - Sewerage disposal concerns and adequacy of potable water supplies

We noted the Applicant’s claims about keeping local waterways healthy and await their response to our unanswered question on this point.

Secondly if there any concerns about inadequate potable water supplies in the area to supply the Airport and any new housing developments with a consistent potable supply, should not the Applicant be planning to use any ‘harvested’ rainwater from the multi-storey carparks holding tanks or treated water from the proposed reedbeds to cleanse runway and taxiways run off often with de-icer and fuel spills contaminants and from the proposed on site sewage treatment works to supply such water to airport toilets and for plane washing purposes etc.?

Yours faithfully



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