

The Planning Inspectorate

26 June 2024

our ref: ESCC/GAL/NRP/DCO

Dear Sir/Madam

**Gatwick Northern Runway Project (Project Reference: TR020005)
East Sussex County Council Registration Identification Number: 20044514
Deadline 6 [REP6-] Submission**

Please accept this letter as our confirmation that East Sussex County Council are supportive of the Joint Local Authorities (JLA) responses being submitted at Deadline 6, specifically the outline Environmentally Managed Growth control document, and the JLA response to the Applicant's Deadline 5 submissions.


We would also like to highlight particular support to the submission by West Sussex County Council titled "Legal Partnership Authorities Post-Hearing Submissions on ISH8 Agenda Item 3: Surface Access". This is the collective submission of the Legal Partnership Authorities on the issues arising at ISH8 under agenda item 3. This document reiterates our need for bus service improvements between East Sussex and Gatwick Airport which will provide a sustainable transport alternative to the private car for our residents travelling to and from the airport.

Public transport accessibility from the airport into East Sussex is poor. With the rail connections only serving the coastal strip, it is important that new bus services are introduced to serve the whole county to help reduce the number of car borne journeys generated by the airport.

Whilst we have continued to request bus service improvements since the beginning of the DCO process, the Applicant is still not committed to supporting or introducing these should the NRP be approved and implemented.

At this progressed stage of the DCO process this is disappointing, and we would encourage the Applicant to reconsider their position and commit to funding in the Surface Access Commitments, or enter into a meaningful dialogue to improving bus service connections from East Sussex to the airport.

Yours sincerely



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