

**Gatwick Northern Runway
TR020005
Cover Letter Deadline 7**

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Dear Mr Gleeson,

GATWICK NORTHERN RUNWAY PROJECT – DEADLINE 7 SUBMISSION

Please find attached National Highways' Deadline 7 submission.

The following documents are provided:

1. Responses to comments on any further information/submissions received by Deadline 6.
2. Responses to Examining Authorities Written Questions 2.

In addition to the above documents that have been submitted at Deadline 7, National Highways has provided the following additional updates and clarifications below.

Update on Surface Access Works Related Matters (Highways Design and Operational Safety Matters) included in National Highways Written Representation

Further to National Highways update at Deadlines 5 and 6 **[TR020005/REP5/105]** **[TR020005/REP6/113]**, National Highways awaits further information being provided by the Applicant in order determine whether its matters raised in its Written Representation **[TR020005/REP1/088]** have been resolved. National Highways provided comments to the Applicant on 5 June 2024 and requests that the Applicant confirm when updates will be provided. Upon receipt of this information, National Highways can review and subsequently seek to close out any outstanding highway design and operational safety related matters contained in the Statement of Common Ground between both parties.

Update on Construction Traffic Modelling for Surface Access Works on the Strategic Road Network

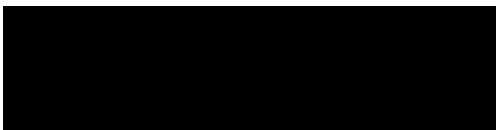
Following the meeting held on the 27 June 2024 with the Applicant, both parties had productive discussions in respect to the construction traffic modelling. There are, however, a number of residual concerns potentially raising safety and congestion issues. National Highways has submitted to the Applicant additional parameters to enable the refinement of the construction traffic modelling. These additional parameters will need to be considered and assessed by the Applicant as the Applicant continues to refine its construction traffic management strategy in consultation with National Highways. These aspects are also being factored into the Framework Agreement under development by both parties, which, if completed and agreed, would provide the necessary security to National Highways to ensure that the Strategic Road Network continues to operate safely during construction.

Justification for South Terminal Compound Access

National Highways has previously and as part of its continued liaison with the Applicant, requested clear justification be provided for the proposed introduction of a new temporary direct access from the South Terminal roundabout as the primary access point for construction vehicles during the construction of the surface access works. To date National Highways has not received this information and requests that the Applicant provides timeframes for this information being provided within the examination.

National Highways notes that progress has been made with the applicant enabling a number of matters to be resolved. There remain a number of matters outstanding and we welcome the Applicants commitment to continue working to resolve these.

Yours Sincerely,



Peter Fisher
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