



Gatwick Airport Northern Runway Project

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1.1.1 The below table sets out the Applicant’s response to the Examining Authority’s Written Questions relating to Historic Environment.

ExQ1	Question to:	Question:
HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT		
HE.2.1	Gatwick Aviation Museum	<p>Loss to the Gatwick Aviation Museum</p> <p>Your RR [RR-1496] states that any compulsory purchase of the land occupied by the museum would result in the loss of historic and educational resources to the nation.</p> <p>Please provide further details regarding such loss and confirm whether your previous comments are still valid.</p>
		N/A – this question is not directed at the Applicant.
HE.2.2	Applicant	<p>Hever Castle</p> <p>Provide clarification over the likely numbers of flights and ratio of such flights (arrivals and departures) likely to overfly Hever Castle as a result of the Proposed Development.</p>
		<p>ES Chapter 14: Noise and Vibration [APP-039] Table 14.12.1 provides estimates of summer season daily (24 hour) overflights including at Hever Castle, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019 baseline - 309 • 2032 baseline - 325 • 2032 with Project – 389. <p>so showing a proportional increase of 20% overflights in the NRP scenario.</p>

		<p>The overflight assessment considers all overflights, arrivals and departures, up to 7,000ft above local ground level from all airports. For the noise assessment (see ES Chapter 14: Noise and Vibration [APP-039]) arrivals and departures are modelled differently to compute total noise levels, but for the overflights assessment, which is not a noise assessment, the distinction is not necessary. At Hever Castle, the vast majority of overflights on an average summer day will be arrivals from the roughly 70% of days when the airport operates all flights in a westerly direction with far fewer departures on roughly 30% of days when the airport operates all flights in an easterly direction and when most departures turn before reaching Hever Castle. The increase in departure and arrivals overflights as a result of the NRP is expected to be 20% and the flight paths flown in this area will not change. The general orientation of flights are illustrated in Figures 8.6.3 to 8.6.7 of the ES Landscape, Townscape and Visual Resources Figures [REP2-007].</p>
HE.2.3	Reigate and Banstead Borough Council	<p>St Bartholomew’s Church</p> <p>Please confirm or otherwise if the revised oLEMP submitted at D6 [REP6-032], [REP6-034], [REP6-036] has mitigated your concerns regarding the impact of the A23 London Road/ River Mole bridge and road widening proposals on St Bartholomew’s Church, Church Meadows, and the associated Conservation Area.</p>
		<p>N/A – this question is not directed at the Applicant.</p>
HE.2.4	Applicant	<p>Written Scheme of Investigations</p> <p>a) Confirm at which deadline the Surrey Written Scheme of Investigations (WSI) [REP2-017] will be updated to incorporate the recommended sampling strategies of SCC.</p> <p>b) Respond to the concerns of WSCC raised in their PADSS [REP5-115]. In particular:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Will a Heritage Clerk of Works be appointed. If not, why not? ii. Will the WSI [REP2-019] be updated to provide further commitment to undertake investigations in all areas affected by the Proposed Development? Provide justification if not. iii. Provide further information regarding proposed mitigation in areas already evaluated or provide such details in a revised WSI.

		<p>iv. Provide further clarity regarding sign off for archaeological mitigation in a revised WSI (or justification if not proposing to do so).</p>
		<p>a) The requested update to the Written Scheme of Investigation for Surrey [REP2-017] ('Surrey WSI') regarding the sampling strategy was included within Version 2.0 of the document submitted at Deadline 2. The Surrey WSI updates on the sampling strategy have been agreed by SCC, as reflected on Row 2.13.2.1 of the Statement of Common Ground between Gatwick Airport Limited and Surrey County Council (Version 2) [REP5-051] submitted at Deadline 5.</p> <p>b) The concerns of WSCC as set out in their Updated PADS [REP5-115] are addressed as follows:</p> <p>i. It has been agreed between the parties that a Heritage Clerk of Works is not necessary. This agreement was confirmed at a meeting between the parties on 31/05/2024 and is reflected in the revised Statement of Common Ground to be submitted at Deadline 9.</p> <p>ii. Discussion has been undertaken between the parties following the production of the report titled 'The Historical Development of Gatwick Airport Including a Review of the Extent of Past Ground Disturbance' [REP6-070]. The Written Scheme of Investigation for West Sussex ('West Sussex WSI') (Doc Ref. 5.3 v3) has been updated to reflect the results of these discussions and is submitted at Deadline 7.</p> <p>iii. The Written Scheme of Investigation for West Sussex ('West Sussex WSI') (Doc Ref. 5.3 v3) has been updated to respond to the points raised by WSCC; this updated WSI and is submitted at Deadline 7.</p> <p>iv. Further clarity regarding sign-off procedures for archaeological mitigation is included within the updated West Sussex WSI (Doc Ref. 5.3 v3) submitted at Deadline 7.</p>
HE.2.5	Applicant	<p>Heritage Outreach Programme</p> <p>Provide an update on a potential outreach programme for heritage matters, including how such a programme (if appropriate) would be controlled. Would such a programme be best suited in the WSI(s) or the CoCP?</p>

		<p>Further information regarding a potential outreach programme for heritage matters, including a commitment to design and implement such a programme, is set out in the updated West Sussex WSI (Doc Ref. 5.3 v3) and the updated Surrey WSI (Doc Ref. 5.3 v3) submitted at Deadline 7.</p> <p>The Applicant considers that the heritage outreach programme is most appropriately secured through the respective WSIs because these documents contain the relevant contextual data and the requirements which will result in the information which is made available through the public outreach programme. The timing and activities of the programme will be dependent upon the activities carried out under the WSIs. DCO Requirement 14 requires the Applicant to carry out the authorised development in accordance with the WSIs.</p>
HE.2.6	Surrey County Council West Sussex County Council	<p>Historical background to the Airport</p> <p>Confirm if the report submitted at D6 by the Applicant titled ‘The Historical Development of Gatwick Airport Including a Review of the Extent of Past Ground Disturbance’ [REP6-070] is acceptable, or if not, what changes are sought.</p>
		N/A – this question is not directed at the Applicant.