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Dear Mr Gleeson,

Application for a Development Consent Order by Gatwick Airport Limited for the Gatwick Airport Northern Runway Project (Ref. TR020005) – Submission of revised documents

The Applicant submitted notification of a proposed change to the application (the Third Change Application Notification) on 5 July 2024, comprising a **Covering Letter** [[AS-152](#)] and **Third Notification of Proposed Project Change Report** [[AS-153](#)]. At Deadline 7 on 15 July 2024, the Applicant submitted the **Third Change Application Report** [[REP7-097](#)].

Project Change 5 was put forward by the Applicant at the request of the landowners affected by the Proposed Change (the "Relevant Affected Persons") and relates to a minor extension to the Order Limits to incorporate additional land (comprising 0.175ha in size) at the Holiday Inn hotel to facilitate the construction of a temporary access point, a temporary bus parking layby, temporary traffic management measures and associated drainage provisions.

The Applicant explained in the cover letter to the Deadline 7 submission that it had received consent from the Relevant Affected Persons (required pursuant to section 123(3) of the Planning Act 2008) to include compulsory acquisition powers over the additional land associated with the Proposed Change on the day of Deadline 7. However, a subsequent land referencing check has identified that there are additional minor land interests over the land associated with the Proposed Change. Consent has not been obtained from these additional land interests for the inclusion of compulsory acquisition powers over the additional land, meaning that section 123(3) of the Planning Act 2008 cannot be satisfied. As such, the Applicant is not seeking compulsory acquisition powers over the additional land associated with the Proposed Change. The Applicant still proposes to extend the Order Limits to include this additional land, such that the powers sought in the DCO would apply to the land, and would be used to carry out the proposed works.

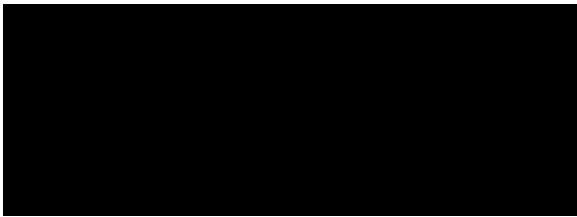
The Applicant does not consider that not including powers of compulsory acquisition over this additional land presents an impediment to the delivery of the proposed works. Consent to the inclusion of the land had been obtained from the freeholder/leaseholder to the land, for whose benefit the change is being promoted and the works will be carried out. Whilst the discovery of the additional third party land interests in the land

precludes the extension of the compulsory acquisition powers over the land, they are not considered to be of a nature that would represent an impediment to agreement being reached and the works carried out. Whilst the Applicant had initially proposed to include the compulsory acquisition powers over the land on a conservative basis, it is satisfied that the limited geographical area of the works and the context to which they're being proposed adequately mitigates the risk of any impediment. The Applicant has reviewed the documents associated with the Proposed Change, and confirms that no updates are required to the versions of the documents submitted at Deadline 7, as they had been prepared on the basis that compulsory acquisition powers would not be sought over the additional land plots.

The Applicant notes that the **Third Change Application Report** [\[REP7-097\]](#) refers to the inclusion of compulsory acquisition powers over the additional land, however, all of the other information in this report remains accurate and up to date. The Applicant would be happy to update the Report if the Examining Authority would find this helpful.

If the Applicant can be of any further assistance or the ExA considers any further clarification is required in response to this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the Applicant using the details already provided.

Yours sincerely,



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