

**Gatwick Northern Runway
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Cover Letter Deadline 8**

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Dear Mr Gleeson,

GATWICK NORTHERN RUNWAY PROJECT – DEADLINE 8 SUBMISSION

This letter comprises National Highways' Deadline 8 submission. By way of an update, the Applicant and National Highways have reached agreed terms on a Framework Agreement. National Highways is anticipating that the agreement will be completed prior to Deadline 9, and at that point proposes to provide a closing submission which will confirm that, subject to a limited number of matters, matters have been satisfactorily resolved between the parties.

The closing submission will set out the outstanding and fundamental areas where the parties have agreed to disagree, and which are subject to adjudication by the Examining Authority and the Secretary of State.

The matters identified below, and in the attached Responses to comments on any further information/submissions received by Deadline 7 do not comprise the full extent of outstanding matters, but National Highways is providing commentary on them at this juncture as they relate to matters relevant to submissions made at Deadline 7.

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, 6 and 7 **[TR020005/REP5/105]**, **[TR020005/REP6/113]**, **[TR020005/REP7/113]**. National Highways awaits further details being provided by the Applicant in order to determine whether its matters originally raised in its Written Representation **[TR020005/REP1/088]** can be resolved are considered resolved for the purpose of the examination. National Highways will continue to work proactively with the Applicant as the project progresses into Detailed Design to ensure that these proposals are refined and ensure that the Strategic Road Network operates safely.

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. This has been subsequently raised with the Applicant several times and it is of increasing concern that this has not been provided. For completeness, this is not a matter in which the Framework Agreement provides protection and represents a policy decision for the Secretary of State.

Updates to Land Plans and Compulsory Acquisition Strategy to the Strategic Road Network

National Highways notes that at Deadline 7 the Applicant introduced updated Land Plan **[REP7-017]** information whereby the Applicant has sought to address National Highways concerns in respect to the compulsory acquisition of land that will remain part of the Strategic Road Network. National Highways approves of the positive steps that the Applicant has taken to address National Highways concerns and National Highways will continue to liaise with the Applicant to address any minor amendments that may be required to ensure that this change in strategy is accurate with respect to any existing or proposed land to be operated by National Highways.

Update following Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2

National Highways notes that the Applicant has Action Point 2 from the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing, held on the 30 July 2024, to arrange a meeting between the Applicant, Gatwick Green and National Highways. National Highways looks forward to attending the meeting on 12 August 2024.

For the avoidance of doubt National Highways is happy to explore alternative ways the Applicant can meet National Highways' future access requirements arising as a result of changes proposed as part of the DCO scheme. However National Highways cannot accept a proposal which restricts its long term access and maintenance capabilities.

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

Head of 3rd Party Infrastructure