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Subject: Re: TR020005 Gatwick Airport Northern Runway Project -- in particular, item R17d.10.

My comments on item R17d.10 are:

i

"Carbon emissions" is misleading, and it ought to say "carbon dioxide equivalent, CO₂e", whether it is all CO₂ or not;

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that 24 months is an unreasonably long time, and that although emissions vary across years, per the "flying seasons", annual emission targets can sensibly be broken down into targets for shorter periods;

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the phrase declaring further capacity seems to me to mean stopping operations. If a target agreed with the inspectorate by the applicant has been wilfully underestimated, on the basis that the application would not have been agreed otherwise, but that stopping operations would be unfair on many other parties, then the agreement ought to include a plan to deal with the stopping of operations. Absent that, the applicant will be able to plead that stopping operations would be disproportionate (and unfair on many other parties);

and

iv I would be anxious that, coming up to a period, the emissions for which could breach an agreed limit, pressure would be put on those doing the measuring to ensure that operations were not stopped as a result of the last measurement.

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