



## CAA Strategy and Policy

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### **Application by London Gatwick Airport Limited for an Order granting Development Consent to support dual runway operations**

Dear Sir or Madam,

On 14 August 2024, the Examining Authority (ExA) published its proposed schedule of changes to the draft DCO. Please find below the comments from the Civil Aviation Authority.

#### **Schedule 2, R15 (Air noise envelope) and R16 (Air noise envelope reviews)**

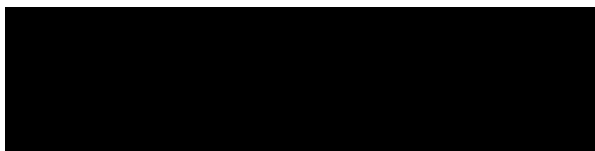
The CAA is not expressing a preference between the text as set out in the draft DCO [REP8-005] and the ExA's recommended amendment/insertion.

However, for the latter, the CAA would ask the ExA to consider:

- what enforcement mechanisms it would put in place should the independent noise reviewer not approve a noise report from the applicant or the modifications to the applicant's operating plan (the CAA and GAL have now agreed such arrangements for the draft DCO text as indicated in the CAA's final PADSS);
- how to ensure the calculations underpinning the noise contours are appropriate for the case of Gatwick Airport. As the CAA noted in its response to actions from ISH9 [REP8-142], "it is difficult to know without detailed analysis what effect on noise [the ICAO chapter 14] requirement would have at Gatwick between 2019 and, say, 2029, all other things being equal"; and
- how the Noise Envelope Appendix [REP8-084] would need to be changed to be consistent with the ExA's recommended amendment/insertion.

If the ExA has further questions on these or any other topic, we will be happy to provide whatever assistance we can.

Yours sincerely,



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