

The Planning Inspectorate

21 August 2024

our ref: ESCC/GAL/NRP/DCO

Dear Sir/Madam

Gatwick Northern Runway Project (Project Reference: TR020005)
East Sussex County Council Registration Identification Number: 20044514
Deadline [REP9-] Submission

Please accept this letter as our response to Deadline 9 of Gatwick Airport's Northern Runway Project Development Consent Order Public Inquiry.

We are submitting our 'Final Principal Areas of Disagreement Summary Statement' as part of this Deadline.

There remains a number of areas, where whilst we will no longer be pursuing these as part of the examination, that ESCC are committed to work with GAL, should the Northern Runway Proposal be approved by the Secretary of State.

These are most notably the requirement for bus service improvements between East Sussex and Gatwick Airport. Our response highlights the Council's commitment, as a member of the Transport Forum Steering Group to work with GAL through this forum to prioritise funding to enable bus service improvements to come forward to provide sustainable surface access to the airport to/from East Sussex.

In addition whilst the Council welcomes the updated ESBS Strategy and Implementation Plan through the S106 Agreement, the Council will require an ongoing dialogue with GAL through our role on the ESBS Steering Group to ensure that East Sussex's employment and skills needs are addressed and reflect our comments made during the examination.

We also wish to highlight our support to the submission of the following documents:-

- Joint Local Authorities x10 August D9 Submission
- Gatwick Northern Runway Proposal DCO Examination Closing Position Statement on behalf of the Joint Local Authorities – dated 21 August 2024
- ExA Draft DCO – Response from Joint Local Authorities legal representative

Should you have any questions on the issues raised above please do not hesitate to contact localtransportplan@eastsussex.gov.uk

Yours sincerely



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