

Gatwick Northern Runway

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National Highways Responses to the Rule 17 Letter issued on 20 August 2024

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1 Introduction

The following has been prepared by National Highways to set out its responses to the questions raised by the Examining Authorities Rule 17 Letter which was issued on the 20 August 2024. These can be found in Table 1.1 below.

Table 1-1 National Highways Responses to the Rule 17 Letter

Q No	Question to / Response by	Question Posed	National Highways Response Provided
R17f.5	National Highways	<p>South Terminal Roundabout Contractor Compound Access</p> <p>In their submission [AS-165], Surrey County Council state that <i>'We are of the view it is therefore unlikely that NH will give consent for access to be taken from STR and, therefore, there will be no ability for the land at Bayhorne Farm to be used as a construction compound'</i>.</p> <p>Please confirm whether National Highways is in a position to confirm whether consent is likely</p>	<p>National Highways has confirmed in its Covering Letter to Deadline 10 that the Applicant has provided the additional information requested at Deadline 9. After reviewing this information, National Highways is content with the justification set out and confirms that this matter is now agreed. National Highways agreement to the temporary access is conditional on the commitment by GAL that this access will be removed following the construction period.</p>
R17f.6	National Highways	<p>South Terminal Roundabout – Access to Horley Business Park (Bayhorne Farm)</p> <p>Outline any engagement with Surrey County Council or other landowners about the Reigate and Banstead BC Development Management Plan allocation for the Horley Business Park and also if the access to this development site from the STR has been accepted in principle by National Highways.</p>	<p>National Highways (Highways England at the time of consultation) was consulted during the development of Reigate and Banstead's Development Management Plan in 2018. At the time National Highways made representations setting out significant concerns with the assessment undertaken for the Local Plan DMP.</p> <p>With regard to the HOR9 Horley Business Park allocation, the need for mitigation on the M23 was recognised by Reigate and Banstead council during consultations. However, a number of National Highways outstanding concerns were not addressed.</p> <p>Since the development of the Local Plan DMP, National Highways has not had any significant engagement with the site promoters of the Horley Strategic Business Park.</p> <p>Further detailed work is required to ensure that the assessment of impacts on the A23 and M23 Spur is robust and meets the requirements to demonstrate that a new access onto the South Terminal roundabout is necessary and feasible. The proposed site must demonstrate compliance with DfT Circular 01/2022, DMRB, and all relevant policies, and must also ensure that any new access does not adversely impact the safety or operation of the Strategic Road Network. That assurance and the related information has not yet been provided from the site promoters and as a result National Highways is not able to provide a view on any potential access until this is provided.</p>