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Dear Planning Inspectorate

### **Gatwick Airport Northern Runway**

We are writing in relation to the above DCO on behalf of the Home Office and note that the examination closed on 27 August 2024.

Relevant Representations, dated 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023 and 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024, have previously been submitted in respect of the above DCO application on behalf of the Home Office. Within these representations, the Home Office as a Crown authority confirmed that the DCO includes Crown Land within the Order Limits. It set out that the SoS is not able to make a DCO which includes compulsory acquisition provisions relating to Crown Land without the consent of the relevant Crown authority.

We confirm on behalf of the Home Office that we now have proactive engagement with the Applicant and we are working with the Applicant to ensure that the Crown interests are safeguarded through an appropriate agreement being negotiated. The negotiations of this are continuing and the agreement is not in place yet. It is hoped that we will be in a position to provide an update on this before the recommendation report is finalised on 27 November 2024. The parties are working together to negotiate an acceptable form of agreement and only once this has been secured will the Home Office be in a position to provide the consent under Section 135 of the Planning Act 2008. We will continue to keep you updated on the progress of this and provide this when we are in a position to do so.

If you have any queries or we can provide any assistance to the ExA please do not hesitate to let us know.

Yours faithfully



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