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To: 03 January 2025  
The Applicant,  
all Interested Parties,  
Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government,  
Secretary of State for the Home Department,  
HM Revenue and Customs,  
Natural England  
High Weald National Landscape Partnership  
Surrey Hills AONB Board  
Kent Downs AONB Partnership and Joint Advisory Committee  
South Downs National Park Authority Partnership

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Dear Sir/Madam

## **Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010**

### **Application by Gatwick Airport Limited (“the Applicant”) seeking Development Consent for the proposed Gatwick Airport Northern Runway Project (“the DCO”)**

#### **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

1. The [responses](#) to the Secretary of State’s consultation letter of [9 December 2024](#) have now been published. The Secretary of State invites **the Applicant and all Interested Parties**, if they wish to do so, to provide any other final comments on the representations received in response to her consultation letter of 9 December 2024.

#### **CROWN LAND**

2. In its response dated [23 December 2024](#), the Applicant indicated that consent for the acquisition of interests in land held by the Crown, is expected from the relevant Crown authorities in early January 2025.

The Secretary of State requests that any confirmation provided, is provided by both the Applicant and **the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, HM Revenue and Customs and the Secretary of State for the Home Department.**

## AMENDMENT TO SECTION 85 OF THE COUNTRYSIDE AND RIGHTS OF WAY ACT 2000 (“CRoW ACT 2000”)

3. On 16 December 2024 the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs published [‘Guidance for relevant authorities on seeking to further the purposes of Protected Landscapes’](#). This guidance is intended to clarify how the amended duty under section 85 of the CRoW Act 2000 to ‘seek to further’ the purposes of protected landscapes is intended to operate and provides broad principles to guide relevant authorities in complying with it.

**The Applicant, Natural England, the High Weald National Landscape Partnership, the Surrey Hills AONB Board, the Kent Downs AONB Partnership and Joint Advisory Committee and the South Downs National Park Authority Partnership** are invited to set out an agreed position on whether this new guidance has any implications for ensuring the Scheme complies with the amended duty. If agreement cannot be reached, **the Applicant, Natural England, the High Weald National Landscape Partnership, the Surrey Hills AONB Board, the Kent Downs AONB Partnership and Joint Advisory Committee and the South Downs National Park Authority Partnership** are invited to set out their respective views on what is needed to resolve the concerns.

### **Deadline for Response**

The deadline for response is **17 January 2025**.

Submissions sent by post may be subject to delay therefore your response on the information requested above should be submitted to the Case Team, if possible, by email to [gatwickairport@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:gatwickairport@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) .

If you will have difficulty in submitting a response by the deadline, or difficulty in submitting a response by email, please inform the Case Team.

Responses will be published as soon as possible after the deadline on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website at: [Gatwick Airport Northern Runway Project](#).

This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State’s decision on the Application, and nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what that decision might be.

Yours faithfully,

Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit