



## Meeting note

<b>Project name</b>	Gatwick Airport Northern Runway project
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<b>Meeting with</b>	Gatwick Officers Group (GOG)
<b>Venue</b>	Microsoft Teams
<b>Meeting objectives</b>	Resourcing update
<b>Circulation</b>	All attendees

### Summary of key points discussed, and advice given

The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) advised that a note of the meeting would be taken and published on its website in accordance with section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008). Any advice given under section 51 would not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) could rely.

The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the resourcing implications of the overlapping Gatwick Airport Northern Runway and Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm Development Consent Order (DCO) examinations; and for the Inspectorate to address any specific queries and concerns that GOG had. The Lower Thames Crossing and Crawley Borough Council Local Plan examinations were also discussed, as was the premature closure of the online Relevant Representation form for the Gatwick project.

### Advice provided

The Inspectorate provided advice on the following matters:

- The differing purposes and expected content of Local Impact Reports and Written Representations.
- **Post-meeting advice:** During the meeting, GOG sought advice on the appropriateness of developing a joint Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) with the Applicant for the Gatwick project. The appropriate approach to SoCG drafting is ultimately something to be agreed between the parties to the SoCG(s), and the Inspectorate would not seek to be prescriptive on this matter from an operational perspective. This is without prejudice to the views of specific Examining Authorities. Section 22 of the Inspectorate's Advice Note 2: ['The role of local authorities in the development consent process'](#) broadly sets out what an SoCG should achieve.

### Actions

The following actions were agreed:

- The Inspectorate to consider further clarity around the approach to the Local Authority Issues Tracker(s) on the Gatwick project going forward.
- The Inspectorate to review its automatic email responses for both the Gatwick and Rampion project inboxes to ensure they function correctly.
- The Inspectorate and GOG to agree another date for a further meeting in the New Year.