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Dear Sir/Madam,

Date: 17 January 2025

RE: Gatwick Airport Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Gatwick Airport Northern Runway Project

Request for final comments on representations received in response to the Secretary of State's letter of 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council unique reference number: 20041435

Following the publication of the responses to the Secretary of State's letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council (TWBC) would like to respond by advising that it continues to object to the Northern Runway Project. This is for the reasons set out in the TWBC representation to the Inquiry, dated 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024. That representation set out objections on the grounds of lack of economic benefits for Tunbridge Wells borough, needs case, intensification of the main runway, noise and in particular noise impact on Tunbridge Wells, as well as significant concern regarding climate change, surface transport and economic development.

TWBC continues to support Kent County Council (KCC) in its continued objection to the Gatwick proposals and is fully supportive of the representation dated 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025, submitted to this consultation. TWBC is also fully supportive of the representation submitted by the Joint Local Authority.

TWBC remains of the view that there are a number of aspects about the impact of the proposals that have not been adequately addressed by the Applicant, and therefore continues to object to the proposals.

I hope this response is of assistance. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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