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Dear Sir/Madam

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 9th December

Following the publication of the responses to the Secretary of State's letter dated 9th December, Kent County Council (KCC) would like to comment on the responses received regarding Schedule 2 (Requirements), specifically requirement 15 (air noise envelope, requirement 16 (air noise envelope reviews), requirement 19 (airport operations) and requirement 20 (surface access).

Requirement 15 and 16

KCC has fed into the Joint Local Authority (JLA) response relating to requirements 15 and 16. KCC does not support any growth at the airport and our overall position on the Northern Runway Project continues to be of opposition. However, should the Secretary of State be minded to grant consent, we would support the comments and proposed amendments suggested in the JLA response to this consultation.

Requirement 19

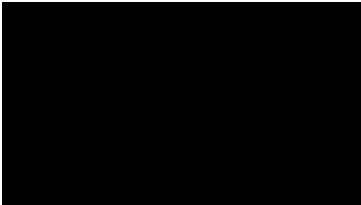
Similarly, KCC do not agree with the Applicant that the proposed cap on aircraft movements and passenger numbers is unreasonable. Should this application be approved, these measures are vital to ensure growth is controlled to prevent undue impact on residents of Kent. KCC support the comments in the JLA response to this consultation.

Requirement 20

KCC note the Applicant's comments relating to the importance of rail services connecting to the airport. KCC wishes to reiterate the importance of a direct rail service from Kent to Gatwick and this continues to be a priority within Kent's Local Transport Plan 5. We welcome the ongoing work with the Applicant, Transport for the South East and Network Rail on this project and also expect the Government to facilitate and support ongoing workstreams to foster more reliable rail connections from Kent to Gatwick Airport.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this issue.

Yours faithfully



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