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Gatwick Airport

Subject: London Gatwick Airport - Northern Runway

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Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing in support of London Gatwick Airport's response to the additional conditions and proposal that consent be granted by 27 October 2025.

Aviation is a pivotal industry in facilitating global trade and attracting international investment to the UK. London is the largest aviation hub in the world with many other significant airports around the UK.

As passenger numbers grow beyond levels seen in the post-pandemic period, increasing capacity in our aviation sector should be a priority for government. Increased capacity is needed to keep the UK at the forefront of global trade and travel, providing this can be done in a way that is both financially and environmentally sustainable, and avoids unnecessary burdens on consumers and airlines. Expanding the UK's airport capacity is vital to driving economic growth and it remains a top priority for business.

We wholeheartedly support London Gatwick's Northern Runway Project, as well as other projects to boost aviation capacity. All these projects will help boost trade, attract international investment, and bring substantial benefits to SMEs in supply chains across the UK.

In particular, we support London Gatwick's proposed additional traffic tests ahead of dual runway operations beginning. These are designed to avoid traffic congestion by limiting airport-related cars on the road until highway improvements are built. This is proposed as an alternative to the Secretary of State's suggested test of achieving a specific level of public transport use before dual runway operations. We understand that London Gatwick's test will achieve the same result but using means which are within the airport's control. This will give London Gatwick the confidence to invest in this critical project whilst also giving the Secretary of State confidence that any unforeseen highway impacts will be avoided.

At a time of increased costs for many businesses, speeding up infrastructure investment is crucial to boosting economic activity and unlocking growth. These airport proposals must form a key part of the UK's long-term infrastructure strategy to help businesses grow, trade and thrive.

Yours sincerely, Jonny Haseldine

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