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Dear Sir / Madam

**R.E. Gatwick Airport Northern Runway - request for comments**

As the CEO of UKinbound, a trade association that represents UK businesses that work across the UK's inbound visitor economy, I write in support of the 'additional information' put forward by Gatwick Airport Limited on the 24 April 2025 regarding the Northern Runway Project.

We welcome the considered and constructive manner in which Gatwick Airport has addressed the matters raised by the Department for Transport, particularly around environmental safeguards, sustainable design, surface access, and community mitigation.

Their proposals, especially regarding air noise limits, the receptor-based noise insulation scheme and revised surface access commitments, clearly demonstrate a willingness to go beyond minimum policy requirements while enabling vital infrastructure investment to move forward.

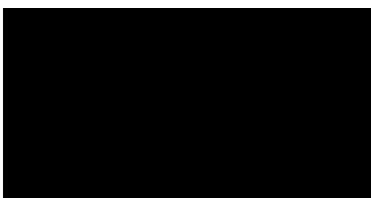
I would also like to highlight our support of their proposed additional traffic tests, ahead of dual runway operations beginning, which has been put forward as an alternative to the Secretary of State's suggested test of achieving a specific level of public transport use before dual runway operations. The new proposal put forward by Gatwick Airport will achieve the same result but using means which are within the airport's control.

The Northern Runway Project is essential for boosting the UK's international connectivity, resilience and competitiveness and the additional information put forward by Gatwick Airport provides reassurance that this can be achieved responsibly and sustainably.

We encourage the Department for Transport to move forward with granting development consent at the earliest opportunity.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any further assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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