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Dear Charlotte,

Mid Sussex District Plan 2021 – 2039 Examination – Inspector’s Matters, Issues and Questions (MIQs)

Response by Gatwick Airport Limited (GAL)

Gatwick Airport Limited (GAL) has previously submitted representations at the Regulation 18 and 19 stages of the Mid Sussex Local Plan Review, upon which we continue to rely. Having recently finished a 6-month DCO examination for the Northern Runway Project (NRP), GAL wish to signpost information we consider relevant in response to MIQ 60: *What are the implications, if any, of the Gatwick Airport’s proposed extension and DCO on the demand for housing? Does the OAN set out within the submission Plan of 19,620 remain appropriate?*

The NRP DCO application was submitted for examination in July 2023. The suite of application documents included Environmental Statement (ES) (July 2023) Appendix 17.9.3: Assessment of Population and Housing Effects.

GAL wish to draw the Inspector’s attention to Section 4 of ES Appendix 17.9.3: Housing-led scenarios (pages 18 to 24). This section assesses the amount of population growth and labour supply that is likely to be generated, based on the amount of housing growth which might be expected in the study area to 2047. This is assessed on the basis of ‘worst’ and ‘best’ case housing growth scenarios. The ‘worst’ case scenario excluded housing trajectories in plans which were either undergoing examination or were in draft plans which were yet to be submitted. The assessment concludes that the housing likely to come forward, even in the lower growth scenario, would be sufficient to support job growth forecast, with or without the NRP.

The host authority, Crawley Borough Council, did not disagree with GAL’s analysis in the ES regarding the implications of the NRP for the overall level of housing need during their Local Plan period up to 2040, as indicated at Paragraph 3.2.3 of their Written Statement Matter: Housing Needs, November 2023. The document can be viewed online via the link below:

<https://crawleybc-eire.s3.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Local%20Plan%20Representations/Written%20statements%20to%20inspectors%E2%80%99%20matters%2C%20issues%20and%20questions/Matter%203/CBC.MIQ.003a%20Written%20Statement%20Matter%203%20Housing%20Needs%20Issue%201.pdf>

We do not have any further comments at this stage of the examination but reserve our right to make further written representations during the examination process.

Yours sincerely,

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1. Northern Runway Project, Environmental Statement (July 2023) : Appendix 17.9.3: Assessment of Population and Housing Effects