

# Crawley Draft Submission Local Plan

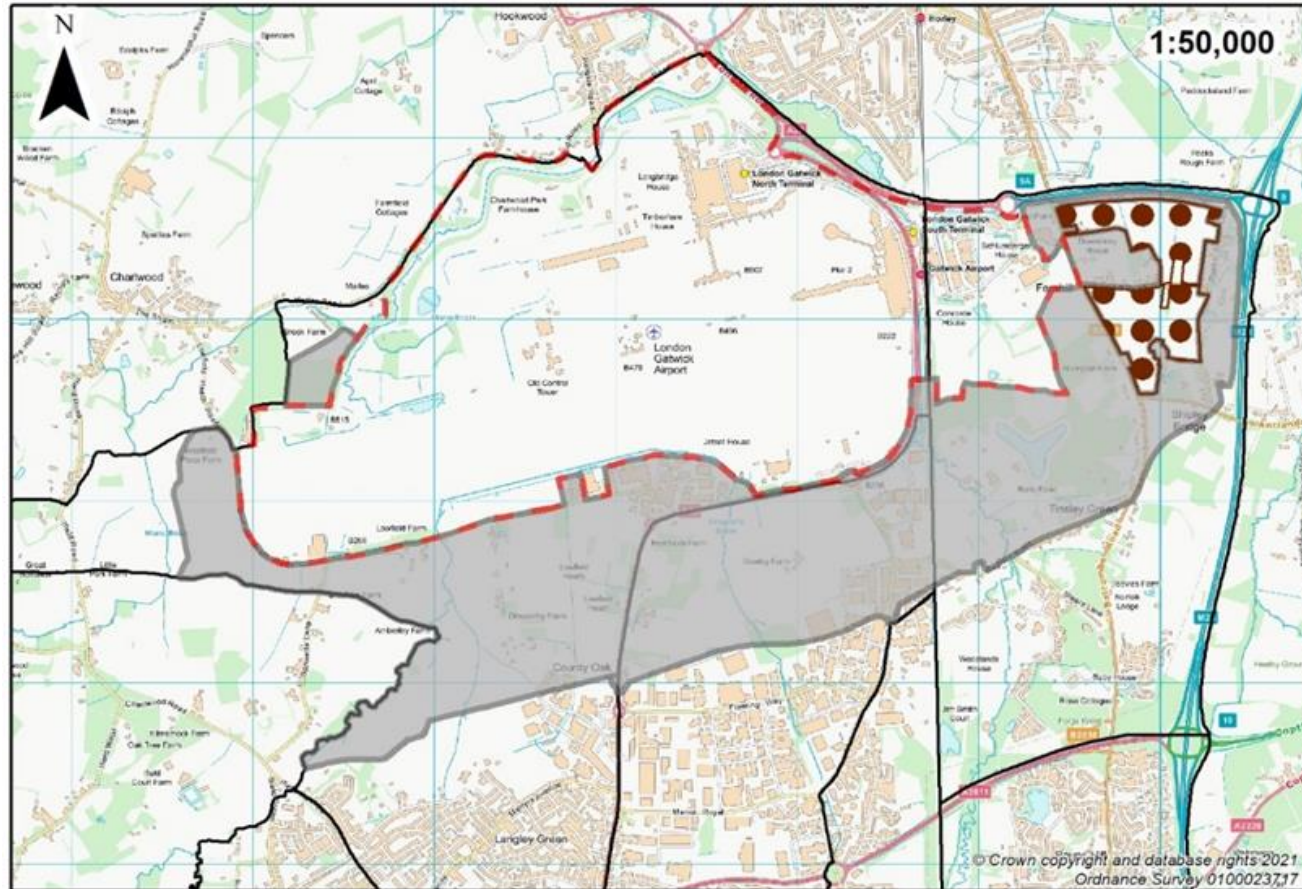
- New draft Local Plan for 2021 – 2037
- Second Publication Consultation (Reg 19) Jan 6 – Feb 17
- Local Plan, Sustainability Appraisal and Supporting Evidence published on council's website  
[www.crawley.gov.uk/localplanreview](http://www.crawley.gov.uk/localplanreview)
- Topic Papers, including Gatwick Airport



# Policy GAT2: Safeguarding

- Key change to Local Plan since consultation last Jan – March.
- Majority of safeguarding reinstated and Proposed Area Action Plan designation removed
- To meet Crawley's employment land needs, Local Plan addresses the extent of safeguarding, rather than the principle of it
- Allocation of Strategic Employment Location East of Balcombe Rd



# Safeguarding



-  Gatwick Airport Boundary (Policy EC1, EC2, GAT1 - GAT4)
-  Safeguarded Land (Policy GAT2)
-  Gatwick Green Strategic Employment Location (Policy EC1 & EC4)

# Policy GAT 1: Development of the Airport with a Single Runway

- Similar policy to Adopted Plan 2015
- Criteria for development on airport, where it requires planning permission, including
  - Appropriate uses – operational uses, directly related uses such as admin offices, surface transport facilities & parking, and other explicitly related uses such as hotels & offices
- Airport Boundary is a Local Plan policy boundary, not the same as the Master Plan boundary which define GAL's ownership



# Policy GAT 3: Gatwick Airport Parking

- Retains approach of current Local Plan
- Airport related parking only permitted within the airport boundary, and where justified by demonstrable need in context of sustainable approach to surface transport access to the airport.
- Virtually same policy as Adopted Local Plan – have added “and” for clarity



# Policy GAT 4: Employment Uses at Gatwick

- Approach is rolled forward from the 2015 Local Plan, with minor amendments for clarity.
- Changing needs of airlines and airport businesses means less office space needed. Policy provides scope for loss of surplus airport-related employment floorspace on-airport, where the loss will not have a detrimental impact on the long term ability of the airport to meet its operational needs.
- New non-airport related floorspace permitted where this does not have a detrimental impact on the ability of the airport to meet its future land and floorspace requirements, and provided there is no unacceptable impact on other main employment areas including Manor Royal.

# Policy EC7: Hotel and Visitor Accommodation

- National Planning Policy seeks to direct hotel uses to the Town Centre
- In Crawley hotels serve a particular airport-related function
- Local Plan therefore recognises Gatwick Airport as representing a sustainable location for visitor accommodation.
- Policy cross-references with Policy GAT3 (Airport Parking) and Policy GAT4 (Employment Uses at Gatwick).





# Policy EP4: Development and Noise

- Same approach as adopted Local Plan, setting out technical noise standards to ensure the new development avoids noise giving rise to significant adverse impacts on health and quality of life.
- Relates to both noise sensitive development and noise generating uses.
- Amended standard for aviation transport sources: Unacceptable Adverse Effect is considered to occur where noise exposure is above 60dB LAeq,16hr. (57dB LAeq,8hr at night). Based on updated evidence.
- Uses predicted noise contours associated with a possible wide-spaced southern runway at Gatwick Airport are set out by Plan 31 of the Gatwick Airport Master Plan 2019 (Air Noise Map – Additional Runway – Summer Day - 2040).





# Policy DD5: Aerodrome Safeguarding

- Aerodrome safeguarding is the process used to ensure the safe and efficient operation of airports.
- Relates to how a development could impact on safety. Aerodrome Safeguarding assesses, for example, the height and design of proposed development.
- Council required to consult Gatwick Airport Limited on all planning applications where aerodrome safeguarding applies.



# Responding to Consultation

- Consultation runs until 5pm on 17 February 2021
- Consultation responses must be submitted on the dedicated form.
- Responses will be passed directly onto an Independent Inspector who will assess the soundness of the plan following an examination in public
- Information on the council's website at [www.crawley.gov.uk/localplanreview](http://www.crawley.gov.uk/localplanreview)
- Any questions, please email [strategic.planning@crawley.gov.uk](mailto:strategic.planning@crawley.gov.uk)

