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Gatwick Airport Consultative Committee

SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of GATCOM will be held **Virtually via MS Teams** commencing at **2.00 pm** on **Tuesday, 17 October 2023**. This special meeting is to consider and agree the Committee's 'relevant representation' to the Planning Inspectorate in relation to Gatwick Airport Limited's Northern Runway Project.

Note: This meeting will be held virtually with members in remote attendance. The minutes of the meeting will be placed on GATCOM's website as soon as possible after the meeting.

A limited number of places are available for members of the public to observe the virtual meeting on a first come, first serve basis. To register your interest to observe the meeting please contact the GATCOM Secretariat by no later than close of business on 13 October 2023 via secretary@gatcom.org.uk

Agenda

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Gatwick Northern Runway Project - Development Consent Order (DCO)** (Pages 3 - 4)

The DCO application was submitted by GAL in July 2023 and accepted by the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) in August 2023. An Examining Authority (ExA) has now been appointed by PINS to examine the DCO application. Full details of the DCO can be found on the PINS website [here](#)

Interested Parties now have until 29 October 2023 to submit a Relevant Representation, which is a summary of what you consider to be the main issues and impacts of the project.

The Secretariat's paper asks GATCOM to:

Consider the draft relevant representation set out at Appendix A (to follow) and approve it, with or without amendments, for submission to PINS by 29 October 2023.

Authorise the Chairman, in consultation with the Vice Chairman to finalise the document if necessary to reflect changes agree at the meeting.

3. **Date of next meeting of GATCOM**

To note the next meeting of GATCOM is Thursday 2 November 2023 at 2pm. This meeting will be virtual via MS Teams.

Anticipated finish time of meeting: 4.30pm.

To all members and nominated substitutes of Gatwick Airport Consultative Committee

GATCOM

Draft Relevant Representation submission to the Planning Inspectorate in respect of Gatwick Airport Limited DCO application.

17 October 2023

REPORT BY SECRETARIAT

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Gatwick Airport Limited (GAL) proposes alterations to bring the existing northern (standby/maintenance) runway at Gatwick Airport into routine use alongside the main runway, enabling the dual operation of both runways.
- 1.2 The Northern Runway Project (NRP) is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) requiring a Development Consent Order (DCO) from the relevant Secretary of State.
- 1.3 In autumn 2021, GAL undertook statutory consultation on the project. The GATCOM response to that consultation can be found [here](#). Further consultation on highway changes and related matters was undertaken by GAL in summer 2022 and GATCOM's response be found [here](#).
- 1.4 The DCO application was submitted by GAL in July 2023 and was accepted as a valid submission by the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) in August 2023. An Examining Authority (ExA) has now been appointed by PINS to examine the DCO application. Full details of the DCO can be found on the PINS website [here](#)
- 1.5 Interested Parties have until 29 October 2023 to submit a "Relevant Representation", which is a summary of what you consider to be the main issues and impacts of the project.
- 1.6 Formal examination of the DCO application is due to commence in late 2023/early 2024 and will run for six months. The ExA's report and recommendation is due within three months of the close of the examination, with a decision by the Secretary of State due within a further three months (late 2024.)
- 1.7 If consent is granted, work would not start until 2025 with the Northern Runway likely to be operational by 2030 and the construction of other elements continuing until 2038.

2. GATCOM's POSITION

- 2.1 In January 2023 the GATCOM Steering Group and GATCOM discussed what role GATCOM should play in the next formal stages of the DCO process, including the possibility of making representations to PINS at the appropriate stages, on matters previously identified by the committee in response to the draft master plan and the statutory consultations.
- 2.2 GATCOM members acknowledged that GATCOM had responded to all the consultations in relation to the Northern Runway project and made representations which encourage steps to minimise impacts, mitigate their effects and secure appropriate infrastructure.

2.3 GATCOM resolved the following at their meeting on 26 January 2023:

- *GATCOM agreed they would make representations to the Planning Inspectorate at the appropriate stages, on matters previously identified by the committee in response to the draft master plan and formal consultations.*
- *It was agreed that it was important for individual members, groups and councils to register as interested parties if they had specific matters to raise, especially if a consensus was not reached on that matter by GATCOM.*

2.4 In advance of this special GATCOM meeting to agree a relevant representation for submission, the GATCOM Chair, Vice Chair, Secretariat and Technical Advisor have met various GATCOM members and support officers to discuss views and opinions on the DCO and what organisations will be including in their individual relevant representations.

2.5 GAL have also provided GATCOM with an 'issues tracker' that details issues we have raised in the pre submission consultations and brief details on how GAL have responded to those issues and where information can be found in the DCO documentation.

2.6 The draft GATCOM relevant representation was sent to GATCOM Members for comment prior to publication. The revised draft will be circulated as a 'to follow' paper prior to the meeting as Appendix A.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 1) That GATCOM consider the draft relevant representation set out at Appendix A and approve it, with or without amendments, for submission to PINS by 29 October 2023.

2) Authorise the Chairman, in consultation with the Vice Chairman to finalise the document if necessary to reflect changes agreed at the meeting.

Appendix:

A - GATCOM Draft Relevant Representation – **TO FOLLOW**

Monique Smart
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