

An aerial photograph of Gatwick Airport's northern runway and taxiway. The runway is a long, straight concrete strip with white markings, including the number '26' and the letter 'L'. Several aircraft are visible on the taxiway and runway. In the foreground, a large white Airbus A380 is taxiing. To its left, a smaller white aircraft is also taxiing. Further up the runway, another white aircraft is visible. In the bottom left corner, a red and white EasyJet aircraft is taxiing. The surrounding area includes green grass, taxiway lights, and airport buildings in the distance. The text 'YOUR LONDON AIRPORT' is written in a white, sans-serif font, and 'Gatwick' is written in a white, cursive font below it.

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*Our northern runway: making best use of Gatwick*

Preliminary Environmental Information Report

Appendix 18.3.1: Summary of Stakeholder Scoping Responses - Agricultural Land Use and Recreation

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## 1 Introduction

### 1.1 General

- 1.1.1 This document forms Appendix 18.3.1 of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) prepared on behalf of Gatwick Airport Limited (GAL). The PEIR presents the preliminary findings of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process for the proposal to make best use of Gatwick Airport's existing runways (referred to within this report as 'the Project'). The Project proposes alterations to the existing northern runway which, together with the lifting of the current restrictions on its use, would enable dual runway operations. The Project includes the development of a range of infrastructure and facilities which, with the alterations to the northern runway, would enable the airport passenger and aircraft operations to increase. Further details regarding the components of the Project can be found in the Chapter 5: Project Description.
- 1.1.2 This document provides the summary of stakeholder scoping responses for agriculture for the Project.

## 2 Summary of Stakeholder Scoping Responses for Agricultural Land Use and Recreation

Consultee	Date	Details	How/where addressed in PEIR
Reigate and Banstead Borough Council	27 September 2019	With regards to the key legislative and policy documents listed in Paragraph 7.12.1 of the EIA Scoping Report, Core Strategy Policy CS12 "Infrastructure Delivery" which relates to recreational facilities – including loss of – and green infrastructure should be added to the list of policies.	Policy added to Table 18.2.2: Local Planning Policy and Appendix 18.2.1.
Reigate and Banstead Borough Council	27 September 2019	References Borough Local Plan policies CO2 "Agricultural Considerations" and Hr36 "The Rural Surrounds of Horley" should be removed from this section following the adoption of the DMP.	Reference to these policies removed.
Reigate and Banstead Borough Council	27 September 2019	References to the "emerging Reigate & Banstead Borough Development Management Plan 2018-2027" should be amended to "Reigate and Banstead Development Management Plan (Reigate and Banstead Borough Council, 2019)" following the adoption of the DMP to ensure consistency with other adopted Local Plan documents.	Relevant policies in the Reigate and Banstead Development Management Plan added to Table 18.2.2: Local Planning Policy and Appendix 18.2.1.
Reigate and Banstead Borough Council	27 September 2019	The Council notes that Paragraph 7.12.6 of the EIA Scoping Report states that "site visits have been undertaken in March and May 2019 but no survey work in relation to either agricultural land or recreational resources has been undertaken to date" and that "user surveys of recreational resources are planned and will be undertaken during 2019". We consider that there is a need for further clarity regarding the potential scope of user surveys to ensure a robust baseline and consider that in order to fully understand different users perspectives that user surveys should be conducted during both peak and shoulder periods.	User surveys have been completed for National Cycle Route 21 through Riverside Garden Park, which is used by both cyclists and walkers. These surveys have been undertaken at appropriate times to ensure that the peak usage is captured. The conclusions from this survey are summarised in Section 18.6 and full details included at Appendix 18.6.3 of this chapter of the PEIR.
Reigate and Banstead Borough Council	27 September 2019	The Council notes that Paragraphs 7.12.28-7.12.31 of the EIA Scoping Report which details baseline conditions specifically provides very detailed comments on the Riverside Garden Park in Horley. Whilst we welcome that this public open space has been clearly and specifically identified, we note that it is included within the Project site boundary and would welcome clarity at this stage for the rationale for inclusion of the Riverside Garden Park within the Project site boundary and scope of works/ mitigation interventions proposed for this area of public open space. Should the area be required for transport improvements, we would welcome clarity/ evidence as to the requirement for the full area to enable transport improvements for the routine use of the northern runway.	The optioneering process has removed the option that had the greatest effect on the Riverside Garden Park. The current options are described in Chapter 5 and in Table 18.7.1: Maximum Design Scenarios. The remaining effects are assessed in section 18.9 and mitigation is set out in Table 18.8.1: Mitigation and Enhancement Measures.
Reigate and Banstead Borough Council	27 September 2019	The Council questions why Table 7.12.2 of the EIA Scoping Report which details the baseline agricultural statistics for land use groups 'Crawley and Mid Sussex' and 'Reigate & Banstead and Epsom & Ewell' whilst Mid Sussex, Horsham, Mole Valley and Tandridge are detailed separately. As stated in Paragraph 7.12.18 of the EIA Scoping Report, DEFRA produce statistical records on a local authority basis.	The Defra statistics provide a context to the nature of agricultural land use in the vicinity of the Project. The detailed assessment of the effects of the Project on agricultural land use is based on the characteristics of the individual farm holdings affected.

Consultee	Date	Details	How/where addressed in PEIR
Reigate and Banstead Borough Council	27 September 2019	With regards to the scope of baseline studies, we note that Paragraph 7.12.33 of the EIA Scoping Report states that site surveys will be undertaken to provide an understanding of the current use of recreational resources including public open space around the airport. The Council would welcome clarity that the scope of these assessments will include time periods in both the peak and shoulder periods.	User surveys have been completed for National Cycle Route 21 through Riverside Garden Park, which is used by both cyclists and walkers. These surveys have been undertaken at appropriate times to ensure that the peak usage is captured. The conclusions from this survey are summarised in Section 18.6 and full details included at Appendix 18.6.3 of this chapter of the PEIR.
Reigate and Banstead Borough Council	27 September 2019	We note that as part of our recently adopted DMP, site allocation policy HOR9 "Horley Strategic Business Park" which adjoins the proposed Project site boundary to the north includes at least 5ha of new high quality public open space, including parkland and outdoor sports facilities. We therefore consider that this needs to be taken into consideration in assessments.	The proposed development of the Horley Business Park, as set out in Policy HOR9 'Horley Strategic Business Park' of the adopted Reigate and Banstead Development Management Plan 2018-2027, including the provision of new public open space, including parkland and outdoor sports facilities, has been assessed in Section 18.11 'Cumulative Effects Assessment'.
Reigate and Banstead Borough Council	27 September 2019	The Council questions why Table 7.12.3 of the EIA Scoping Report which details the potential effects to be considered omits consideration of the adverse impacts on the nature and character of recreational resources from increased disturbance from roads, upgraded junctions and activity.	The potential loss or reduction in the area of accessible public open space and the potential effects on the alignment of public rights of way and cycle routes are assessed in Chapter 18 of the PEIR. Any effects on the amenity of these resources, primarily as a result of changes to the visual or acoustic environments at either the construction or operation stages of the project, are assessed, where relevant, in Chapter 8: Landscape, Townscape and Visual Resources and 14: Noise and Vibration. A commentary on such effects will be included in the Agricultural Land Use and Recreation chapter of the ES.
West Sussex County Council		In reference to Paragraph 7.12.1:  The list of relevant policy documents should include the WSCC Rights of Way Management Plan 2018 - 2028.	This document is listed in Section 18.14. 'References'.
Tandridge District Council	30 September 2019	No specific comments are made on the proposed scope of the baseline studies, study area, affects proposed to be assessed, and the approaches to the assessment of effects, and mitigation, enhancement and monitoring in relation to this topic.	The scope of the Agricultural Land Use and Recreation assessment that is set out in Chapter 18 of the PEIR has been developed in consultation with relevant statutory and non-statutory consultees as detailed in Table 18.3.1 and Table 18.3.2 and taking account of relevant guidance. It comprises the assessment of potential effects on the following resources during the construction and operational stages of the Project, together with mitigation measures to be incorporated into the Project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ agricultural land quality and soils;</li> <li>▪ farm holdings;</li> <li>▪ public rights of way;</li> <li>▪ national cycle routes;</li> <li>▪ other walking, cycling and horse riding routes; and</li> <li>▪ public open space.</li> </ul>

### 3 Glossary

#### 3.1 Glossary of terms

**Table 3.1.1: Glossary of Terms**

Term	Description
Defra	Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs
DMP	Development Management Plan
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
ES	Environmental Statement
GAL	Gatwick Airport Limited
PEIR	Preliminary Environmental Information Report
WSSC	West Sussex County Council