



# Helping the UK to grow

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LONDON GATWICK

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# Our Vision

Our vision is to be the airport for everyone, whatever your journey. We're focused on delivering a personalised experience, that is easy and efficient. At the same time, we aim to be the UK's most accessible airport, prioritising the needs of every passenger and giving everyone an equal opportunity to fly. And for our people, continuing to build a diverse and inclusive workplace, one where everyone is welcome.

## Key highlights



### Choice, connectivity and accessibility

With over 43 million annual passengers London Gatwick is the UK's second busiest airport, the world's most efficient single-runway airport and a vital piece of national infrastructure.

**Almost 60 airlines fly from the airport to over 220 destinations, including over 50 long-haul routes.**

We want to make it easy for passengers and our teams to use public transport and low or zero carbon travel. We're proud to have the best train connections of any UK airport. **Rail passengers can travel from London Gatwick to central London in 30 minutes, with trains leaving every four minutes.** This is supplemented by an extensive bus and coach network, including hydrogen bus routes, a dedicated GRIDSERVE electric vehicle charging station (an international airport first) and active travel initiatives such as improving National Cycleway 21 which runs through our airport.

London Gatwick has been an accessibility trailblazer for several years. It was **the birthplace of the now widely recognised Sunflower Lanyard scheme, supporting people with hidden disabilities and the first UK airport to open a sensory room for passengers in 2018.** More recently we have partnered with AccessAble on Detailed Access Guides to help passengers navigate easily, safely and confidently through the airport and in September 2024 we became the first UK airport to receive the Airports Council International's (ACI) Accessibility Enhancement Accreditation.



### Economy

**As the largest single-site employer in the South East**, London Gatwick makes a significant **contribution to the UK economy (£5.5billion in 2023), supporting over 22,000 jobs on site and 76,500 across the UK.** We work hard to advocate for a thriving, resilient regional economy, supporting companies of all sizes who do business across the airport, to ensure local communities get the maximum benefit from having an international airport on their doorstep. This includes spending £121.2 million with regional and local suppliers in 2024, our annual Economic Summit, progressing plans for an Airport Economic Zone to help attract inward investment and supporting initiatives such as the "Sussex Six" campaign to increase local produce on shelves and menus across the airport.



### Education, skill building and community

We are a longstanding contributor to local and regional workforce skills partnerships, through investing in our people, graduate, apprenticeship and work experience programmes and new resources such as our onsite STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) centre, which provides school children with a high quality introduction to STEM subjects and aviation. We also recently hosted our first Innovation Summit for over 50 organisations including local businesses and universities.

Since 2020, we have contributed nearly £2 million in community funds. We are working towards our goal to invest £5 million in community funds by 2030, and raise a further £2 million with key charity partners including Kent Surrey Sussex Air Ambulance and SASH, the Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust.



### Environmental sustainability

In a globalised world, that relies heavily on air travel for high-speed transportation of people and goods, it's essential that we support the drive to decarbonise and sustainably grow the aviation sector.

Sustainability is at the heart of our operations and investment strategy. We are **committed to achieving net zero in our own operations by 2030, supported by over £250m of investment** in areas such as electric vehicles and on-site renewable energy.

We are also collaborating with our airlines and other partners to implement the Sustainable Aviation decarbonisation roadmap, to help reduce aircraft and ground transport carbon emissions. In 2024, **72% of flights from London Gatwick were flown on the cleanest available aircraft** and we are playing our part in wider industry initiatives to increase both demand and supply of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF). In addition, we have partnered with Airbus, easyJet and Air Products to explore how we could introduce hydrogen fuelling infrastructure as an important first step toward possible zero-carbon flights from the airport.

Our sector leading approach to managing and enhancing biodiversity has been awarded the Wildlife Trusts Biodiversity Benchmark Award for ten consecutive years. As we work to enhance our natural environment we are privileged to partner with experts such as the Gatwick Greenspace Partnership.



# Future growth

## The role of our Northern Runway

We welcome the Government's mission on economic growth and the Prime Minister's ambition to, "take the brakes off Britain".

As the UK looks to **kick start economic growth** and establish new trade deals across the globe, London Gatwick's growing international connections are needed more than ever before.

That's why we have developed plans to bring our Northern Runway into regular use.

**This is a privately financed, shovel-ready £2.2 billion infrastructure investment, which will create 14,000 jobs and generate £1 billion a year in economic benefits. It could be operational by the end of the decade.**

The proposal meets Labour's airport expansion tests of deliverability, making best use of existing assets, maximising economic opportunity, minimising noise and meeting climate change obligations.

It also has strong support from business groups and some of Britain's largest trade unions.



# About our plans

**Gatwick is already a major catalyst for growth:** Domestically and internationally connected, easily accessible, and equipped with world-class facilities.

**We are facing growth constraints:** 75 million passengers are predicted to travel through the airport by the late 2030's and we want to be able to meet this demand.

**We have a ready-made solution:** Our Northern Runway, currently used as a taxi-way or as a standby runway, could be made operational for routine use without major disruption.

**This isn't just about Gatwick.** It's about making the UK a leader in global connectivity, unlocking new trade, tourism and material benefits for passengers, delivering thousands of new jobs and driving economic growth. With our Northern Runway in regular use, we can unlock new capacity and improve resilience across the wider system of London airports.

**We understand** the concerns some people may have about **noise, climate change and disruption**. To give our communities certainty about the airport's future noise footprint, we will introduce a noise cap, which will mean we won't be any noisier than we were in 2019.

**Environmental leadership:** We're investing £250 million to be net zero for our Scope 1 and 2 emissions by 2030, continuing to support wider industry action on sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) as well as exploring hydrogen-powered flights. We have also carried out extensive environmental assessments and mitigations for our Northern Runway plans which are detailed on the planning inspectorate website.

**Improved transport:** A completed £250 million upgrade to our train station and services such as our new on-site electric car charging station support our goal to have over half of passengers arriving by public transport, low and zero emissions options.

**Minimising disruption:** Almost all of the works would take place inside our boundaries. We will also be investing in local road improvements to enhance access.



**A YouGov poll shows nearly 80% of local residents who expressed a view support London Gatwick's plans**



# What happens next

We need consent to move the existing Northern Runway by just 12 metres to deliver the separation required for dual runway operations. Other infrastructure including extensions to both terminals is also proposed.

The project has been carried out following the planning process for nationally significant infrastructure projects (Planning Act 2008), and the airport has applied for a Development Consent Order (DCO).

The Government's DCO (Development Consent Order) examination period which included two formal public consultations and a six month examination, ended on August 27, 2024.

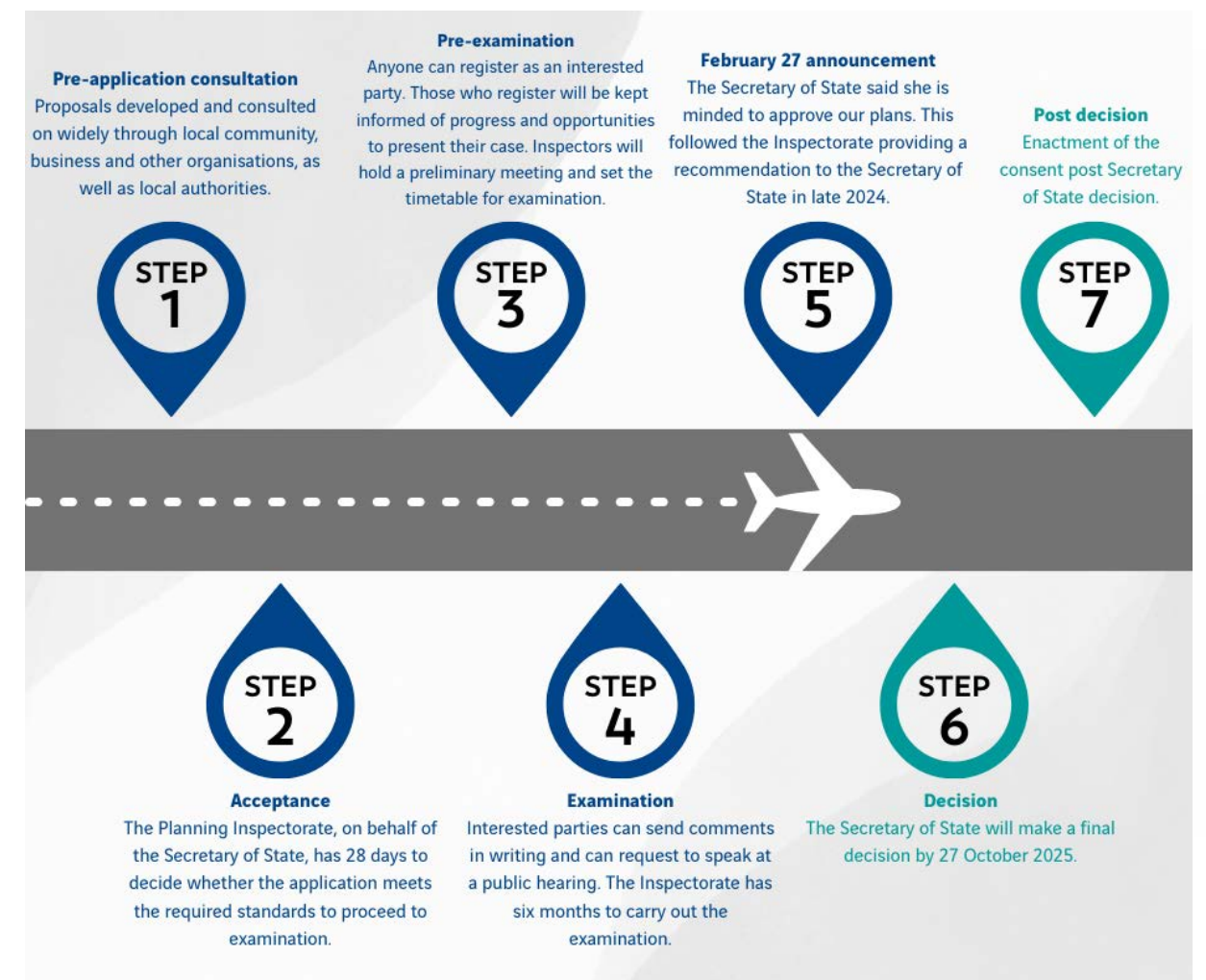
The Secretary of State announced on 27 February 2025 that she is minded to approve our plans. We expect a final decision by the end of October 2025.

# The planning process explained

London Gatwick is following the rigorous Development Consent Order (DCO) process.

The first stages in the DCO process involves carrying out surveys and preparing detailed environmental information on the Northern Runway plans. This information, together with further details on the plans, was subject to a period of public consultation, which allowed local residents, councils, businesses, community groups and other key parties to have their say on the plans. The first consultation took place in 2021 and following feedback, a further consultation was undertaken in summer 2022.

The DCO submission was made to the Planning Inspectorate in July 2023. London Gatwick's proposals were publicly scrutinised during a six-month examination in 2024, taking into account all evidence from interested parties. The Planning Inspectorate made recommendation to the Secretary of State in November 2024, and the Government announced in February that they were minded to approve our plans. We now expect a final decision by the end of October 2025.



## Further information

All documents submitted by London Gatwick to the Planning Inspectorate are publicly available at [infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk](https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

London Gatwick will provide updates at regular intervals as the Northern Runway plans progress. Further information is available at [gatwickairport.com/futureplans](https://gatwickairport.com/futureplans)

You can also sign up to our community newsletter at [gatwickairport.com/communitynewsletter](https://gatwickairport.com/communitynewsletter)

# London Gatwick today



Over **220** global destinations



Over **44.3 million** passengers predicted in **2025**



**50** long-haul routes



London Gatwick supports over **76,500** UK jobs



Airport Carbon Accreditation **Level 4+**



Generates **£5.5 billion** GVA for UK economy



Over **22,000** people employed directly on the airport



Direct **trains** to **120** stations



**£250 million** investment to meet **net zero** by 2030 for scope 1 and 2 emissions



Contributed over **£1.3 million** to local community projects since 2021



Reached around **400,000** students through education programmes since 2018



**Spent £121 million** with regional and local suppliers in 2024



**ACI Eco Innovation Award 2023**



Noise footprint **reduced** by **around a third** over 20 years