

# Northern Runway Project

We are proposing to add further long-term capacity at London Gatwick by making best use of our existing runways and infrastructure.

Our Northern Runway is currently limited to acting as a taxiway, and is only available for use as a runway when the Main Runway is out of use or in an emergency. The Northern Runway Project proposes repositioning the existing Northern Runway 12 metres north to allow dual runway operations, aligning with international safety standards, along with investment in a range of infrastructure and facilities, and major road enhancements to improve access to London Gatwick and the operation of the local transport network.

### If approved, the project would enable London Gatwick to:

- Serve 75 million passengers per year by the late 2030s, with much improved facilities and passenger experience
  - Create 14,000 new jobs

· Generate £1 billion of value added to the region's economy every year

# **Our DCO Application**

We previously consulted on our proposals for the Northern Runway Project in Autumn 2021 and Summer 2022. Further detail on these consultations can be found on our website at: gatwickairport.com/northern-runway

On 6 July 2023, we submitted our Northern Runway Project application for a Development Consent Order ('DCO') to the Planning Inspectorate, who consider such applications on behalf of the Secretary of State, (the 'application'). The application was subsequently accepted for examination on 3 August 2023 and published on the Planning Inspectorate's website. We then invited stakeholders and the public to submit relevant representations to the Planning Inspectorate by 29 October 2023.

The Project is now in the examination phase which started on 27 February 2024 and will last for 6 months.

## **Proposed Project Changes**

Since the start of the examination, we have continued to refine the project proposals having regard to feedback received from stakeholders and London Gatwick's own sustainability aspirations, as well as the desire to ensure appropriate design flexibility for the next stage of design work.

We previously identified three separate changes to the project that would further minimise impacts on the environment and provide design flexibility and consulted on these in December 2023. These proposed changes to the application were accepted by the Planning Inspectorate on 8 March 2024.

We are now consulting on a potential fourth change to the application before submitting it to the Planning Inspectorate. We are consulting the public, landowners, and other stakeholders on the changes so that their views can be taken into account. It will be for the Planning Inspectorate to decide if the change can be made to the application before it is examined.



## Project Change 4: Provision of an on-airport Wastewater Treatment Works

**Existing application** - London Gatwick is working closely with Thames Water on the Project, who have a statutory obligation to provide wastewater treatment capacity to manage flows from the airport. London Gatwick currently discharges its wastewater to two separate Thames Water facilities; Horley Sewage Treatment Works (STW) and Crawley STW. The airport's current plan to manage its additional wastewater flows from the Northern Runway project is to continue to send them to these facilities whilst working with Thames Water to ensure that they are able to manage these additional flows effectively.

**Project Change 4** proposes a revision to the wastewater strategy by providing an on-airport Wastewater Treatment Works facility, located within the area of the existing Self-Park North Terminal Car Park (see diagrams below). This bespoke facility would provide London Gatwick with the ability to deal on-site with all wastewater flows coming from the whole airport in the unlikely event that these could not be dealt with by Thames Water. All facilities would be fully covered to prevent odours escaping.

#### **Project Change 4 comprises the:**

- · Provision of an on-airport Wastewater Treatment Works (WWTW) facility, located within existing Self-Park North car park area;
- Provision of two temporary construction compounds, collectively comprising up to 7,000m<sup>2</sup> (0.7 hectares) in area.
- Temporary loss of approximately 400 car parking spaces in the Self-Park North car park, which would be temporarily re-provided within the North Terminal Long Stay car park.
- The permanent loss of approximately 1,162 car parking spaces on the Self-Park North car park to accommodate the WWTW facility.
- An increase in the number of car parking spaces to be accommodated in the decked area of the proposed North Terminal Long Stay car park.

# Further details on the proposed change can be viewed in the Notification Report on the London Gatwick webpage gatwickairport.com/northern-runway





## **Responding to the Consultation**

We are keen to hear your views on the proposed project change. If you have views please let us know, giving the reasons for your response and how they are relevant to the proposal. If you have any queries on the changes or how to respond to the consultation please ring 01293 505265.

### You can submit your views by:

- Completing the online consultation questionnaire on our website gatwickairport.com/northern-runway
- Emailing your comments to community@gatwickairport.com
- Posting to Northern Runway Project Team, Destinations Place, South Terminal, Gatwick Airport, West Sussex, RH6 0NP

All comments must be received by 11:59pm on 11 June 2024.

