

Inspectors' Note on the York Aviation Paper for Crawley Borough Council [PS.EGSM.GA.18]

20 November 2023

In response to our Matters, Issues and Questions, the Borough Council's Matter 5 statement for 'Gatwick' has at Appendix A, the brief paper, prepared by York Aviation, on the issue of safeguarded land for car parking. This has subsequently been identified on our Matter 5 agenda for 22 November 2023 pm.

In response to a request from Gatwick Airport Limited we understand that not all relevant parties will have had sufficient time to be in a position to respond to the document at the Part 1 hearing session discussions. Procedural fairness is important if a sound plan is to be adopted and implemented without delay. Accordingly, we are acquiescing to a request from Gatwick Airport Limited for an opportunity to provide further written submissions on the York Aviation paper. Similar applies to other parties who have a material interest in the Local Plan's approach to safeguarded land, and in particular the proposals at Gatwick Green, and have made relevant representations at Regulation 19.

Any further written submissions on the York Aviation Paper must be provided to the Programme Officer by no later than 12 noon on 15 December 2023, consistent with our approach to other additional evidence submitted by the Borough Council. Accordingly, further submissions must adhere to the word limit set out in our guidance notes, with any further detail contained in appendices if required. We will consider all responses received but any additional submissions which stray from the matters in the York Aviation paper are likely to be rejected and returned by the Programme Officer. Where necessary, we will invite further comment or clarifications from the Borough Council on what we receive. We also reserve the right, where necessary, to hold further discussion on this issue in the Part 2 hearings on Gatwick (currently scheduled for 11 January 2024 AM).

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