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Gatwick Airport Northern Runway Project – Development Consent Order (DCO)

Open Floor Hearing 2 Written Statement

Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign (GACC)

12th March 2024

Dear Examining Authority,

Please find our written submissions for the 12th March deadline..

GACC is the principal environmental body concerned with Gatwick. Founded in 1965, we have as members individual members, Parish Councils, residents associations, local amenity and environmental groups covering in excess of a twenty miles radius from the airport. Our committee, elected annually, represents all areas. Because we rely on rational argument and put forward constructive solutions we have had strong support in Parliament and at every level of government.

We work closely with environmental NGO's at local and national level and we are actively engaged with the Aviation Environment Federation in the UK and with European groups such as UECNA. GACC is the appointed environmental group on GATCOM.

Our aims are to protect and improve the environment in the area affected by Gatwick Airport's operations with particular regard to noise, congestion, air quality and light pollution and to seek to diminish any wider environmental impact of the operations of the airport, and the activities it facilitates, including climate change impacts."

We do not oppose the economic success of the airport provided that is not achieved at the expense of the environment and people impacted by its operations.

Over the years we have supported successful challenges against the construction of new additional runways at Gatwick and were a consultation partner in the 1979 S52 Legal Agreement not to build a second runway for period of 40 years.

We object in principal to this application from GAL. In this we are not alone, of the 4813 relevant representations made some 83% are against the proposal. We intend throughout this examination, on behalf of our members, to present well supported arguments that demonstrate the significant harm this project will bring to both our local communities and to the wider world population. Our arguments will cover challenges on Climate change, carbon and other emissions, economic & employment claims, noise, air pollution, local

transport and roads, housing, water and sewage impacts and others.

We will provide evidence for the panel to conclude that Gatwick's Big Enough.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Barclay

Chair, Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign