
CHESC Scrutiny Task and Finish Group

Northern Runway Consultation

Terms of Reference

Scope

Gatwick Airport Limited (GAL) are undertaking a public consultation on a proposal to bring the Northern Runway into routine use for certain flight departures. The consultation closes on 1 December 2021.

The Northern Runway Project is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) requiring a Development Consent Order (DCO) from the Secretary of State (rather than planning permission from the local planning authority). The County Council is a statutory consultee in the DCO process; one of its responsibilities is to respond to the consultation.

Accordingly, consideration is being given to the likely significant impacts of the proposal and whether those impacts are considered to be positive, negative, or neutral. Consideration is also being given to whether further work could be undertaken by GAL, including mitigation measures, to address issues identified as being significantly negative.

A Communities, Highways and Environment Scrutiny Committee (CHESC) Task and Finish Group (TFG) will meet informally to act as a critical friend prior to approval of the consultation response.

Methodology

The TFG will meet once, during w/c 8 November. Officers will present the draft consultation response and assist members in understanding the assessment of the proposal and the conclusions that have been reached.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Chairman will summarise the Group's main recommendations for the agreement of the Group, and note any dissenting views.

Timetable

The draft consultation response will be sent to the TFG in w/c 1 November, provisionally on 4 November.

The proposal is for the TFG to meet once, in w/c 8 November.

The Cabinet plans to approve the County Council's response to the consultation when it meets publicly on 16 November.

The Chairman will address this Cabinet meeting, to inform Cabinet's deliberations on the findings of the TFG prior to the decision being taken.

Membership

David Britton (Ch)
Simon Oakley
Carson Albury
John Milne
Brian Quinn

Reporting arrangements

Given the preparation timeline, the Chairman will report directly to the Cabinet at its meeting on 16 November, but the Group's final recommendations will be published on the agenda of the next convenient formal CHESC meeting on 19 January 2022.