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**Matter 8 – Housing Matter 8, Issue 1 – Whether the housing requirement is justified, effective, consistent with national policy and positively prepared**

**Q2. Are main modifications needed to the Plan to clarify the latest position with regard to the Crawley Local Plan and unmet housing need in the housing market area?**

1. The NRP DCO application was submitted for examination in July 2023. The suite of application documents included Environmental Statement (ES) (July 2023) Appendix 17.9.3: Assessment of Population and Housing Effects.
2. GAL wish to draw the Inspector’s attention to Section 4 of ES Appendix 17.9.3: Housing-led scenarios (pages 18 to 24). This section assesses the amount of population growth and labour supply that is likely to be generated, based on the amount of housing growth which might be expected in the study area (which includes Horsham) to 2047. This is assessed on the basis of ‘worst’ and ‘best’ case housing growth scenarios. The ‘worst’ case scenario excluded housing trajectories in plans which were either undergoing examination or were in draft plans which were yet to be submitted. The assessment concludes that the housing likely to come forward, even in the lower growth scenario, would be sufficient to support job growth forecast, with or without the NRP.
3. The host authority, Crawley Borough Council, did not disagree with GAL’s analysis in the ES regarding the implications of the NRP for the overall level of housing need during their Local Plan period up to 2040, as indicated at Paragraph 3.2.3 of their Written Statement Matter: Housing Needs, November 2023. The document can be viewed online via the link below:

<https://crawleybc-eire.s3.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Local%20Plan%20Representations/Written%20statements%20to%20inspectors%E2%80%99%20matters%2C%20issues%20and%20questions/Matter%203/CBC.MIQ.003a%20Written%20Statement%20Matter%203%20Housing%20Needs%20Issue%201.pdf>

4. GAL does not object to the Local Plan in respect of housing need policy and only wish to signpost the Inspector to relevant information on this topic area within the context of the NRP DCO examination given the conclusions reached in the ES Appendix 17.9.3 and, by Crawley Borough Council, our host local authority.
5. A copy of the ES Appendix 17.9.3 is enclosed.

## Additional Comments Regarding the Evidence Base

1. It is noted that none of the following documents have been added to the Examination Library:
  - i). Gatwick Airport Surface Access Strategy 2022-2030  
[https://www.gatwickairport.com/on/demandware.static/-/Sites-Gatwick-Library/default/dw1d34163e/images/Corporate-PDFs/Sustainability/Surface-access-reports/Surface\\_access\\_strategy.pdf](https://www.gatwickairport.com/on/demandware.static/-/Sites-Gatwick-Library/default/dw1d34163e/images/Corporate-PDFs/Sustainability/Surface-access-reports/Surface_access_strategy.pdf)
  - ii). Gatwick Airport Masterplan 2019  
[https://www.gatwickairport.com/on/demandware.static/-/Sites-Gatwick-Library/default/dw5fa1fcde/images/Corporate-PDFs/Masterplan/Gatwick\\_Airport\\_Masterplan\\_2019.pdf](https://www.gatwickairport.com/on/demandware.static/-/Sites-Gatwick-Library/default/dw5fa1fcde/images/Corporate-PDFs/Masterplan/Gatwick_Airport_Masterplan_2019.pdf)
  - iii). Report on the Examination of the Crawley Borough Local Plan 2024-2040  
<https://crawley.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-10/Crawley%20Borough%20Local%20Plan%20Inspectors%27%20final%20report%20September%202024.pdf>
  - iv). Gatwick Northern Runway Proposal Environmental Statement Appendix 17.9.3  
<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/TR020005/TR020005-000884-5.3%20ES%20Appendix%2017.9.3%20Assessment%20of%20Population%20and%20Housing%20Effects.pdf>
  - v). Gatwick Airport Aerodrome Safeguarding Constraints Map 2024 (enclosed)
2. As GAL has referred to these documents it is considered they should be included within the evidence base for the Examination into the Horsham Local Plan. Links are included above (except for the Aerodrome Safeguarding Map which is enclosed) and it is requested these documents be added to the library.
3. The Gatwick Airport Surface Access Strategy seeks to achieve increased use of sustainable transport modes and ultra-low or zero emissions vehicles to access Gatwick airport which is in part dependent on control over parking provision and supports the approach of Policy 25.
4. The Gatwick Airport Masterplan 2019 is a material consideration in plan-making and sets out the justification for the safeguarding of land for the Southern Runway project.
5. The Examination Report into the Crawley Local Plan was issued after the Horsham Regulation 19 consultation and is helpful in understanding the position of the adjoining borough in respect of policies which cross borough boundaries and is referred to by Horsham District Council in the justification for 'suggested changes'.
6. The Gatwick Northern Runway Proposal Environmental Statement Appendix 17.9.3 reviews the impact of NRP on housing need.



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7. The Gatwick Airport Aerodrome Safeguarding Map 2024 was published after the close of the Regulation 19 consultation for the Horsham Local Plan on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024.