

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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Our Ref: MGLA151019-4825

28 October 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 14 October 2019. Your request has been dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) 2004.

You asked for:

...all correspondence relating to Gatwick Airport and Sadiq Khan sent by the airport and by the Mayor of London.

Our response to your request is as follows:

Please find attached the information the GLA holds within scope of your request.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
Information Governance Officer

If you are unhappy with the way the GLA has handled your request, you may complain using the GLA's FOI complaints and internal review procedure, available at:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>

YOUR LONDON AIRPORT

Gatwick

21 JULY 2016

Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London
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Dear Sadiq,

Mayor of London's 2016 Air Quality Consultation

First, may I say how much we appreciated your visit to Gatwick last Friday and thank you for your continued support for Gatwick's expansion.

I note that you have now started consultation on your plans for tackling London's air quality problems. We very much welcome the priority and urgency you have attached to this challenge, and the measures you have proposed.

As I am sure you know, we have been taking a very close interest in air quality in London because it is one of the key issues at the heart of Gatwick's case to be the site of the next runway in the London airports system.

I thought you might wish to be aware of a number of studies which we commissioned earlier this year to examine the Government's Air Quality Plan. Their findings suggest that the challenge facing London is almost certainly greater than may appear, which of course would have implications for your commendable ambition to achieve compliance before 2025.

One of the matters that we have examined particularly closely is the degree of reliance that can reasonably be placed on the predictions in the Government's Air Quality Plan for when compliance may be achieved with air quality limits across London, including in the area around Heathrow.

The body of expert evidence we compiled demonstrates that the Government's prediction that compliance with air quality limits will be achieved across London by 2025, is almost certainly too optimistic. Even with the measures set out in the Government's Plan the evidence strongly suggests that compliance is unlikely to be achieved until sometime beyond 2030, and that the area around Heathrow will present a particular challenge because of the high proportion of emissions from operations at the airport itself, and the high levels of pollution caused by its location at the junction of two of the country's busiest motorways, a problem which cannot easily be addressed. It was interesting to note that the Policy Exchange Environment and Energy Unit independently reached the same conclusion based, on modelling by Kings College London¹.

The work we have carried out shows that the Government's Plan does not form a reliable basis for any decision in favour of expansion of Heathrow.

¹ King's College London Policy Exchange: Up in the Air. How to Solve London's Air Quality Crisis, Part 1 (2015) and 2 (2016)

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I know that my team is in the process of setting up a meeting with your air quality advisors to share the findings of our work informally.

We would of course also be happy to brief you and your team personally if that would help.

Yours sincerely,



Stewart Wingate
Chief Executive Officer

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13 SEPTEMBER 2018

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Dear Sadiq

It has been some time since we last met, so I am writing to see if you would be available to discuss recent developments at Gatwick and our forthcoming Masterplan, which will set out the airport's current and future priorities, including potential options for growth.

We have always appreciated your support for the role that Gatwick plays in connecting London to the rest of the UK and the world. As you know, the airport is vital to the UK economy, helping to facilitate trade and encourage tourism, as well as contributing £5.3bn to GDP and supporting at least 85,000 jobs across the UK.

As a valued stakeholder, I would very much welcome the opportunity to update you in person on our plans, ahead of the publication of our Masterplan later this year.

I am planning to be in Liverpool for the Labour Party Conference, so would be pleased to find a time there if that is convenient for you. Alternatively, we would be happy to liaise with your office to find a mutually convenient time in London.

Yours sincerely,



Stewart Wingate
Chief Executive, Gatwick Airport

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18 OCTOBER 2018

Sadiq Khan
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Dear Sadiq

Thank you for your continued support of Gatwick Airport and its role in delivering connectivity to London and the UK. I wanted to write to you personally to update you on Gatwick's draft master plan for ongoing development and sustainable growth, which sets out how the airport can meet the growing demand for air travel and deliver connections to global opportunities.

The draft master plan explains how Gatwick intends to develop and grow in a sustainable way into the early 2030s, creating the right balance between economic growth and environmental impact, across three scenarios:

1. Using new technologies to **increase capacity on Gatwick's existing main runway;**
2. A plan to **bring the airport's existing standby runway into routine use** alongside the main runway;
3. Continuing to **safeguard the land for an additional runway** in the future, while not actively pursuing one today

We believe that these proposals can deliver highly-productive, incremental new capacity with minimal environmental impact, to complement expansion schemes at other airports across the South East.

Gatwick today makes a significant contribution to both the regional and national economy, supporting 85,000 jobs and adding £5.3bn to GDP, and through this draft master plan, is seeking to grow that contribution by unlocking new connections, jobs and trade.

We believe the plans offer safe, agile, low-impact ways of unlocking much-needed new runway capacity from within our existing infrastructure - however, it is important that everyone has their say so we look forward to hearing the views of our local communities, partners and stakeholders.

A 12-week public consultation is now live at gatwickairport.com/masterplan2018 and will include five public exhibitions in our local area, which will help inform the publication of the final master plan early next year.

We briefed Heidi Alexander on the masterplan in City Hall this week, but would very much welcome the opportunity to discuss it in further detail in a meeting either at the airport or at City Hall. Someone will be in touch with your office in due course to see if this might be possible.

Stewart

Stewart Wingate
Chief Executive

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Date: 15 NOV 2018

Dear Stewart,

Thank you for writing to me with a personal update on Gatwick Airport's draft master plan. I appreciate the briefings that you and your team have provided to Heidi Alexander, Deputy Mayor for Transport, the Greater London Authority and Transport for London officers.

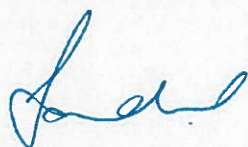
Making the best use of existing capacity is at the heart of both London and national aviation policy. I welcome your innovative proposals which could do that by bringing the existing standby runway into use.

It remains clear to me that Gatwick is well placed to address the capacity constraints in the London airport system in a quicker and cheaper way than a third runway at Heathrow and without its severe environmental impacts.

Unfortunately, I am not able to meet with you at this time, but I trust you will continue to liaise with Heidi and my officers as your plans progress. We will also be looking to respond to your public consultation on the master plan.

I value the important contribution that Gatwick makes to London and thank you again for writing to me.

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London

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18 JULY 2019

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Dear Sadiq

Thank you for your continued support of Gatwick Airport and its role in delivering connectivity to London and the UK. Further to my conversation with Heidi Alexander yesterday, I am writing to let you know that Gatwick Airport today published its **Final Master Plan** which confirms plans to take forward the **sustainable development** of the airport.

In October 2018, our draft master plan consultation set out three scenarios for future growth:

1. Using new technology to build capacity and resilience on the main runway;
2. Bringing the existing standby runway into routine use for departures only alongside the main runway by the mid-2020s;
3. Recommending planning policy continues to safeguard land for an additional runway.

We received more than **5,000 responses** to the 12-week public consultation and are encouraged that **two-thirds (66%) of respondents supported the principle of growing Gatwick** by making best use of our existing runways, in line with Government policy.

As a result, we will progress with plans to introduce new technology to build capacity and resilience on our **main runway**. We are also announcing today that we will prepare a planning application to bring our **standby runway** into routine use.

The innovative proposals for the standby runway will deliver **additional capacity** at the airport that enables us to balance **operational resilience** and **sustainable growth**. As one of the biggest **private investments** in the region, the scheme will deliver **greater connectivity**, a better passenger experience through **greater competition**, and an economic boost that secures **jobs and opportunities** for generations to come. These benefits can all be delivered while keeping the airport's **noise footprint broadly similar** to today's levels, and with **minimal disruption** to our neighbours and the environment.

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The **consultation report**, also published today, provides extensive feedback on our consultation and those views will help shape our plans as we prepare a **Development Consent Order** – a rigorous planning process that will include further engagement and public consultation next year and culminates in a final decision by the **Secretary of State**. We will now carry out a number of detailed studies to assess the impacts and benefits of our proposals before consulting the public again next year.

We are also recommending that national and local planning policy continues to **safeguard the land** that would be required for a new runway, should it be required in the longer-term. However, we reiterate today that we are **no longer actively pursuing plans for an additional runway**.

We will of course keep you up to date at regular intervals as our plans progress. In the meantime further information on our plans is available at www.gatwickairport.com/futureplans

I would very much welcome the opportunity to discuss the masterplan with you over the summer, whether at the airport or at City Hall. Mark Lever will be in touch with your office to see if this might be possible.

Yours sincerely,



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Date: 30 JUL 2019

Dear Stewart,

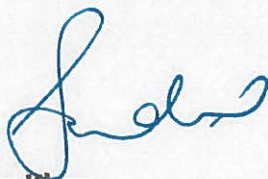
Thank you for your letter of 18 July regarding Gatwick Airport's final master plan.

Gatwick is an integral part of the London airports system and your engagement on its future development is welcome.

Unfortunately, due to diary pressures, I am unable to meet at this time. However, I encourage you to continue engaging with my officers at both the Greater London Authority and Transport for London, as you progress with preparing your Development Consent Order.

Thank you again for writing to me.

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan

Mayor of London