

02 April 2025

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Dear Steven

**Re: Planning Application No: DM/24/2622 – Approval of reserved matters relating to DM/20/4127 relating to Buildings M & N with associated works at Barns Court, Turners Hill Road, Crawley Down**

**Our Ref: LGW5802**

Thank you for your letter/email dated 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025, regarding the above-mentioned consultation.

The proposed development has been examined from an aerodrome safeguarding perspective and could conflict with safeguarding criteria unless any planning permission granted is subject to the condition detailed below:

**Submission of Landscaping Scheme**

No development shall take place until full details of soft landscaping works have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. These details shall include:

- The species, number and spacing of trees and shrubs

No subsequent alterations to the approved landscaping scheme are to take place unless submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall be implemented as approved.

**Reason:** To avoid endangering the safe movement of aircraft and the operation of London Gatwick through the attraction of birds and an increase in the bird hazard risk of the application site.

We will need to object to these proposals unless the above-mentioned condition is applied to any planning permission.

We would also like to make the following observation:

**Cranes & Tall Reaching Construction Equipment**

Given the nature of the proposed development it is possible that a crane or tall reaching construction equipment may be required during construction. We would, therefore, draw the applicant's attention to the requirement within the British Standard Code of Practice for the safe use of Cranes, for crane operators to consult the aerodrome before erecting a crane in close proximity to an aerodrome. London Gatwick requires a minimum of four weeks notice. For crane queries/applications please visit [Cranes | Permits | London Gatwick Airport](#) or email [cranes@gatwickairport.com](mailto:cranes@gatwickairport.com)

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

It is important that the condition requested in this response is applied to a planning approval. Where a Local Planning Authority proposes to grant permission against the advice of London Gatwick or not to attach conditions which London Gatwick has advised, it shall notify London Gatwick and the Civil Aviation Authority as specified in the Town & Country Planning (Safeguarded Aerodromes, Technical Sites and Military Explosive Storage Areas) Direction 2002.

Yours sincerely

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