

18 March 2025

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Dear Steven

Re: Planning Application No: DM/25/0016 – Outline application for the construction of up to 150 dwellings, a 65 bed care home and community facility with associated works on Land West of Turners Hill Road & South of Huntsland, Turners Hill Road, Crawley Down

Our Ref: LGW5758

Further to the above mentioned planning application and our subsequent emails in relation to the SUDS scheme.

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 conditions detailed below:

Submission of Landscaping Scheme

No development shall take place until full details of soft and water 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
- Details of any water features/wetlands

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.

Submission of SUDS Details

Development shall not commence until details of the Sustainable Urban Drainage Schemes (SUDS) have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The submitted Plan shall include details of:

- Attenuation times of SUDS features & wetlands
- Profiles & dimensions of water bodies
- Details of marginal planting
- On going maintenance to ensure drain down times are maintained

No subsequent alterations to the approved SUDS scheme are to take place unless first 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.

Submission of Renewable Energy Scheme

No renewable energy scheme shall be installed until full details have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

No subsequent alterations to the approved renewable energy 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 ensure the development does not endanger the safe movement of aircraft or the operation of London Gatwick through interference with communication, navigation and surveillance equipment or glint and glare issues.

We will need to object to these proposals unless the above-mentioned condition are 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

As the application is for outline approval, it is important that London Gatwick is consulted on all Reserved Matters relating to siting and design, external appearance and landscaping.

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

It is important that the conditions requested in this response are 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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