

Bird Hazard Management Plan

Site Address: Novartis Site, Parsonage Road, Horsham

Gatwick Airport Ref No: LGW5840

Planning Application No: DC/25/0629

Condition No:

Background

This management plan seeks to minimise the potential birdstrike risk to aircraft operating into and out of London Gatwick, which could arise from the construction of 206 dwellings including the conversion of building 3 with associated works at the Former Novartis Site, Parsonage Road, Horsham, approved under planning application number DC/25/0629.

Legislation

The management plan has been developed in response to concerns expressed by London Gatwick concerning the possible birdstrike hazard to aircraft and in the light of CAA (Civil Aviation Authority) 139/2014 'UK Acceptable Means of Compliance' and as contained in Circular 01/2003 – Safeguarding Aerodromes, Technical Sites & Military Explosives Storage Areas: The Town & Country Planning (Safeguarded Aerodromes & Military Explosives Storages Areas) Direction 2002.

This management plan has been agreed by the developer, Horsham District Council and London Gatwick as administrators of airport safeguarding matters for the airport.

It should be noted that this management plan is designed particularly for the situation at Former Novartis Site, Parsonage Road, Horsham and is not necessarily appropriate for other sites in the vicinity of Gatwick airport.

Extent of the Agreement

The parties identified above have agreed that the management plan set out below shall apply to Former Novartis Site, Parsonage Road, Horsham as detailed in planning application DC/25/0629. This will reduce the attractiveness of the proposed development to the target species.

This management plan identifies a number of measures which seek to control and reduce the potential birdstrike hazard, through the monitoring of the target bird species and any appropriate action taken.

Target Species

All Gull species.

Actions to be Taken:

- The roofs are constructed in such a manner so that all areas are safely accessible to enable any nests and eggs to be cleared and birds to be dispersed.
- Checks will be made weekly or sooner if bird activity dictates, during the breeding season by an appointed person/company. The breeding seasons for gulls typically runs from March to June.
- Any birds found nesting and/or roosting and/or loafing during the breeding season will be dispersed when detected and/or when requested by London Gatwick Airfield Operations staff.
- Any nests or eggs found will be removed. A CL12 licence must be obtained from Natural England before any removal takes place, please contact:
bird.licensing@naturalengland.org.uk
Further information with regard to the CL12 licence please see:
[Birds: licence to kill or take them for air safety purposes \(CL12\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/birds-licence-to-kill-or-take-them-for-air-safety-purposes-cl12)
- Checks will be made on a regular basis, as dictated by bird activity, outside of the breeding season by a nominated person/company.
- Any birds found roosting and/or loafing outside of the breeding season will be dispersed when detected and/or when requested by London Gatwick Airfield Operations Staff.
- The methods of dispersal used will be as follows: *(please list, for example human presence, distress calls).*
- A log will be kept which will detail the following:
 - Dates and times of inspections
 - Who carried out the inspections
 - Bird numbers and species seen
 - Details of any dispersal action taken along with details of any nests/eggs removed.
 - The log must be available to London Gatwick Airfield Operations staff to view upon request.

Review of the Management Plan

The management plan shall be subject to review to reflect changes in habitat or populations of bird species. Should the airport deem it necessary, a meeting between London Gatwick, the applicant and/or Horsham District Council will be convened at the earliest opportunity to discuss and agree any changes which may be necessary.

Inspection & Site Access

London Gatwick or their nominated representatives will be allowed access to the site by prior arrangement, to evaluate the success of the Management Plan and to review any remaining birdstrike hazard.

Long Term Management

This Management Plan will remain enforceable by London Gatwick, Horsham District Council, the CAA or any successor to these bodies throughout the existence of the buildings. These obligations will be passed to any subsequent owners/operators of these buildings and land.

Signed:

On Behalf of:

Date: