

09 May 2025

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Dear Jason

**Re: Planning Application No: DC/25/0629 – Construction of 206 dwellings, including the conversion of ‘Building 3’ and the demolition of ‘Building 36’ with associated works at Former Novartis Site, Parsonage Road, Horsham**

**Our Ref: LGW5840**

Thank you for your letter/email dated 30 April 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 a Bird Hazard Management Plan**

Development shall not commence until a Bird Hazard Management Plan has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The submitted plan shall include details of:

- Management of the roofs of the apartment blocks and building 3 which may be attractive to nesting, roosting and “loafing” birds.

The Bird Hazard Management Plan shall be implemented as approved, upon completion of the roofs of the apartment blocks and alterations to the roof of building 3 and shall remain in force for the life of the buildings. No subsequent alterations to the plan are to take place unless first submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

**Reason:** It is necessary to manage the roofs in order to minimise its attractiveness to birds which could endanger the safe movement of aircraft and the operation of London Gatwick.

Please find a draft Bird Hazard Management Plan attached. If the applicants are in agreement, the methods of dispersal are to be completed where indicated in red and it needs to be signed and dated and submitted to yourselves pursuant to this condition.

### **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
- Details of any water features

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 Details for PV Schemes**

No solar panels 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 schemes 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 conditions are applied to any planning permission. 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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