Mowbray, Rusper Road

Phase 1, Principal Access and Sports Hub Bird Hazard Management Plan

Planning Application Nos: DC/19/2554, DC/20/2345, DC/21/0027, DC/22/0369 and DC/22/1026, DC/24/0446 and DC/24/0061.

GAL Application No's: LGW4091, LGW4586, LGW5484 and LGW5409.

Site Address: Mowbray, Rusper Road, Rusper

Background

This management plan seeks to minimise the potential birdstrike risk to aircraft operating into and out of Gatwick Airport, which could arise from the development of the proposed water bodies on Mowbray, Rusper Road, Rusper, Planning References as above and future applications within Phase 1 and Sports Hub that contain waterbodies.

Legislation

The management plan has been developed in response to concerns expressed by Gatwick Airport Ltd concerning the possible birdstrike hazard to aircraft and in the light of EASA (European Aviation Safety Agency) legislation as contained in 'Acceptable Means of Compliance' (AMC) Annexe II and advice 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 (or successors in title or agents acting on behalf of), Horsham District Council and Gatwick Airport Ltd as administrators of airport safeguarding matters for Gatwick Airport.

It should be noted that this management plan is designed particularly for the situation on Mowbray, Rusper Road, Rusper 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 the water bodies on Mowbray, Rusper Road, Rupser as detailed in the relevant planning applications listed above and future applications within Phase 1 and Sports Hub that contain waterbodies. 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 the successful prevention of the breeding by those species.

Target Species

The measures set out in the management plan relate to the bird species most hazardous to aircraft i.e. those of large size and/or which habitually form flocks. In relation to Mowbray, Rusper Road, Rupser the species of concern are Feral Geese, ducks and gulls, *Larus sp.*

Frequency of Site Inspection & Thresholds

A monitoring system will be set in place to record the presence of target species on the relevant waterbody and will commence upon completion of the drainage and landscape works. The inspections and any follow up action will be carried out by a person/company as nominated by the developers/management company. The water bodies shall be checked on a bi-monthly basis. During each check a count of the birds present on the relevant waterbodies will be conducted. If the numbers exceed five geese, 10 ducks or 10 gulls on a regular basis (more than three times in a rolling six-month period) then further habitat management will be carried out as set out below.

Habitat Management

Litter picking visits will take place as necessary along with other reasonable measures as agreed by all parties.

If target birds exceed threshold levels then one or more of the habitat modifications below must be carried out to reduce the exploitable habitat, as appropriate. Other measures may also be appropriate, depending on circumstances.

- Additional planting of scrub or marginal vegetation in order to fill gaps and strengthen margins
- Further actions to discourage members of the public from feeding the birds, such as planting a further screen of vegetation or erecting signs requesting people not to feed the birds
- Increased litter picking
- Changes to grass management to reduce short mown areas

Record Keeping

A log will be kept detailing the following:

- Dates and times of inspections
- Who carried out the inspections
- Bird numbers and species seen
- Details of further habitat modifications undertaken should the thresholds be exceeded
- The log must be available to Gatwick Airport Airside Operations staff to view upon request

Review of the Management Plan

This management plan shall be subject to review to reflect changes in habitat or populations of bird species and changes to air flight and travel. Should the airport deem it necessary, a

meeting between Gatwick Airport Limited, the Developer/Management Company and where applicable Horsham District Council will be convened at the earliest opportunity to discuss and agree any changes which may be necessary.

Inspection & Site Access

Gatwick Airport Limited 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 Horsham District Council throughout the existence of the water bodies, unless a subsequent review deems it no longer necessary and the cessation of the Management Plan is agreed in writing with Gatwick Airport Limited. These obligations will be passed to any subsequent owners/maintainers of this land.

Signed:



On Behalf of: Legal & General (Strategic Land North Horsham) Ltd

Date: 22/10/2024