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Dear Sir/Madam

**Airspace Modernisation - Gatwick Airport
Outline Design Principles**

Thank you for the further opportunity to engage with Gatwick Airport, in developing the design principles that will shape changes linked to the modernisation of the airspace over the South East of England (FASI-South).

Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council remains concerned about impacts upon local communities that are overflown by aircraft below 7000ft. Any improvements that are implemented in due course, to ensure that communities in our borough are not overflown at low level would be welcomed.

Please find below our response to the questions that are set out in the airspace modernisation document (April 2019). Please note that this is an officer level response. Our members will be updated on this matter at the next meeting of our Planning and Transportation Advisory Board to be held in June.

We look forward to hearing further from you regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely

Bartholomew Wren
Principal Planning Officer

Questions

1 - Should Gatwick include a principle that seeks to create an airspace design that aims to limit and where possible seek to reduce the adverse impacts of aircraft noise? **Yes**

Additional comments: TMBC would strongly supports this.

2 - Should Gatwick adopt the design principle to limit adverse noise impacts as a core principle? **Yes**

Additional comments: TMBC strongly supports this, as noise impacts are the key issue for overflowed communities in the west of Tonbridge and Malling borough.

3 - Do you agree with the adjustments to the following design principles?

- a. Safer by Design **Yes**
- b. Long-term Predictability & Adaptation **Yes**
- c. Optimise Use of Aircraft Capabilities **Yes**
- d. Deconfliction by Design **Yes**

Additional comments: TMBC has no further comment.

4 - Should Gatwick adopt a principle to 'Build in Resilience' where practical? **Yes**

Additional comments: TMBC has no further comment.

5 - Should Gatwick adopt a principle of 'Locally Tailored Designs'? **Yes**

Additional comments: It is important that the way airspace is managed, is reflective of the impacts upon local communities.

6 - Do you believe any of the six non-core design principles warrant a higher relative priority? **Yes**

Please explain why: The six potential principles are all relevant, and play a part in hopefully designing of more efficient airspace that serves Gatwick airport. In terms of priority 'predictable and adaptable routes' and 'locally tailored designs' should have a higher relative priority, as these should help to support outcomes that mitigate noise impacts.