

Dear Sirs,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the future economic regulation of Gatwick Airport Limited.

The Guild of Air Traffic Control Officers (GATCO) is a UK-wide professional organisation which promotes the highest standards in all aspects of air traffic management and is dedicated to the safety of all who travel or gain their livelihood in the air, with membership drawn from both civilian and military controllers. We are heavily involved in the work of the International Federation of Air Traffic Controllers' Associations (IFATCA), which includes representations to ICAO and SES, amongst others.

This letter constitutes our formal response to the consultation.

GATCO supports the emphasis given to GAL regarding gathering of evidence, but consider that any future plans should involve more stakeholders than just Airline and Passenger representatives; Gatwick Airport operates as part of a wider Air Traffic Management framework. Decisions taken to improve GAL's on time performance should be taken considering the wider needs of the network as a whole.

Similarly, plans to develop the airport should also be considered in conjunction with the wider network; and be part of a wider Future Airspace Strategy, as detailed in the DfT paper "Upgrading UK Airspace- Strategic Rationale"

Thank you for allowing us the time to respond to your change proposal.

Yours Sincerely,

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