

# A LETTER FROM *Gatwick*

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Dear Richard

## **NERL NR23 Business Plan**

I realised that the CAA will be seeking feedback on the NERL NR23 Business Plan but wanted to write to you directly on the subject. Following our engagement with NERL through its NR23 consultation process I wanted to offer directly a Gatwick perspective on an aspect of the NR23 proposal ahead of NERL's submission to you in the early part of 2022.

I believe that Time-Based Separation at Gatwick is a key element of the NERL investment proposal – under its balanced programme of airspace proposals – which we will rely upon as we 'build back better' the Gatwick operation.

Gatwick welcomed the approach taken by NERL in engaging with airports as part of this process and valued the NERL benefits-led exercise to create a balanced plan that aimed to optimise resilience and capacity as well as deliver, in tandem, complementary environmental benefit.

We welcome NERL's recognition of the importance of Time-Based Separation at Gatwick, its inclusion in NR23 and the continuing support of NERL in bringing forward this important project.

More broadly Gatwick agrees with the thrust of the prioritisation of the NERL plan for both airspace modernisation and enabling technology and is supportive of the proposed NERL plan for NR23.

We will continue to work closely with NERL through its Technical Customer Advisor Board and across the various conduits for engagement in the airspace modernisation programme of work.

I would therefore encourage your support of the NERL NR23 proposal and specifically the development and deployment of a Time-Based Separation solution for Gatwick.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of this response, please contact me directly. My team will respond with Gatwick's views on NR23 in due course.

Yours sincerely



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**Chief Planning Officer**