



CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

CONSULTATION ON SURFACE ACCESS TO AIRPORTS

RESPONSE FROM HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Horley is a rapidly expanding Surrey town located on the northern edge of Gatwick Airport. As a consequence, a large number of passengers and airport staff using road transport travel through the town or the M23 which runs along its eastern boundary.

Having read the consultation document, we can find nothing of direct concern for Horley as it seems to focus on on-airport matters such as competitive access/charges etc.

One local issue for the Council, our residents, and surrounding communities, is that of airport passengers using our residential roads to park their cars. Though not part of the consultation, it should be considered as another means on how passengers use surface access, particularly as it has a direct impact on more of our local residents more than anything else.

Whilst the parking is, in most cases, legal in respect of there being no breaches of parking regulations, it does prove an annoyance for residents trying to park in the road where they live or are having difficulty with egress from or access to driveways.

In some cases, this has been found to be supported by various 'Meet and Greet' companies who usually advertise to their customers that cars will be parked in a secure compound. In addition, we are finding that knowledge of which local residential roads to use are publicised on web sites, including Trip Advisor. One of the main reasons given for this is the very high cost of using the airports car parks and perhaps you might wish to review these as part of this consultation.

We trust you will find our comments to be constructive and they will be taken into consideration when drafting your report from this consultation.

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