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GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS

% Percent< Less than> Greater thanμg Microgram

AADT Annual Average Daily Traffic
ACI Airport Council International
ACN Aircraft Classification Number

AFFF-LF Aqueous Film Forming Foam – Low Freeze

AGL Aeronautical Ground Lighting
ALC Agricultural Land Classification
AONB Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
APIS Air Pollution Information System

APU Auxiliary Power Unit

AQ Air Quality

AQS Air Quality Strategy
ATC Air Traffic Control

ATC Automated Traffic Counts

AVGAS Aviation Fuel

BAP Biodiversity Action Plan

BATNEEC Best Available Technology Not Entailing Excessive Cost

BPM Best Practicable Means
CAA Civil Aviation Authority

CDM Construction Design and Management Regulations
CEMP Construction Environmental Management Plan
CLEA Contaminated Land Exposure Assessment
COFAR Common Options for Airport Regions

CSM Conceptual Site Model

dB Decibel

DEFRA Department of the Environment and Rural Affairs

DME Distance Measuring Equipment

DMRB Design Manual for Roads and Bridges

DTI Department of Trade & Industry EA Environment Agency

EIA Environmental Impact Assessment
EPA 1990 Environment Protection Act 1990

ES Environmental Statement

EU European Union

FIS Flight Information Service
FOE Friends of the Earth

Ft Foot/Feet

FTE Full Time Equivalent
GDP Gross Domestic Product

GR Grid
Ha Hectare

HGBI Herptofauna Groups of Britain and Ireland

HGV Heavy Goods Vehicle

HLC Historic Landscape Characterisation

HSE Health & Safety Executive Ibid Ibidem (Latin) as previously cited

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organisation

IDB Internal Drainage Board

IEEM Institute of Ecological & Environmental Management

IKF Integrated Kent FranchiseILS Instrument Landing System

IMD Index of Multiple Deprivation Impact Effect on identified receptor

K Thousand

KCC Kent County Council

Keg Constant (called the equilibrium constant)

KM Kilometre

KMBRC Kent & Medway Biological Records Centre

kVA Kilo Volt Amps
KWT Kent Wildlife Trust
Lmax Maximum sound level

LA90 Equivalent Continuous Noise Level – representing the Sound Pressure Level exceeded

90% of the time

Leq Equivalent Continuous Noise

LAA London Ashford Airport At Lydd

LAQM Local Air Quality Management

LATS Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme

LDD Local Development documents

LLA Local Landscape Area

LNR Local Nature Reserve

LPA Local Planning Authority

LTMA London Terminal Manoeuvring Area

LTO Landing and Take-off

m Metre

m2 Square metres
m3 Cubic metres
mm Millimetres
N Nitrogen

NAQIA National Air Quality Information Archive

NAQS National Air Quality Strategy
NDB Non-Directional Beacon

NE North East

NMR National Monuments Record

NMVOC Non-methane Volatile organic Compounds

NNR National Nature Reserve

NO2 Nitrogen Dioxide
NOx Nitrous Oxides

NTS Non Technical Summary

o Degrees

ODPM Office of the Deputy Prime Minister now Department for Communities and Local

Government

OEF Oxford Economic Forecasting
OSL Optically Stimulated Luminescence
PaH Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons
PAPI Precision Approach Path Indicator
PB Parsons Brinckerhoff Limited`
PCN Pavement Classification Number

PM Particulate Matter

PPA Passengers Per Annum

PPB Parts per billion

PPC Pollution Prevention Control
PPE Personal Protective Equipment
PPG Planning Policy Guidance
PPS Planning Policy Statement

RASCO Regional Air Services Co-Ordination Study

RESA Runway Extension Safety Area

RFC Ratio to Flow Capacity

RFFS Rescue Fire Fighting Services

RPA Rural Priority Area

RPB Regional Planning Bodies
RPB Regional Planning Body
RPG Regional Planning Guidance
RPG Regional Planning Guidance

RSPB Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

RW Runway

SAC Special Area of Conservation
SAM Scheduled Ancient Monument

SCP Sustainable Consumption and Production

SDC Shepway District Council

SEEDA South East England Development Agency

SEERA South East Regional Assembly

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SEETB South East England Tourist Board Sewer Local term for drainage ditch

SI Statutory Instrument

SLA Special Landscape Area

SMR Sites and Monuments Record

SO2 Sulphur Dioxide
SOx Sulphur Oxide Gases
SPA Special Protection Area

SSSI Site of Special Scientific Interest
SWMP Site Waste Management Plan

TA Transport Assessment
TSE Tourism South East

UKBAP United Kingdom Biodiversity Action Plan

VOCs Volatile Organic Compounds

VOR VHF Omnidirectional Radio

WCA Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981
WRAP Waste Resources Action Plan
ZVI Zone of Visual Influence

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

GLOSSARY OF LAA TERMS RUNWAY EXTENSION ES

Ambient Noise The totally encompassing sound in a given situation, at a given time, including

noises from any source in any direction.

ADMS 3 Industrial Air Pollution Model modelling the impact of existing and proposed

industrial installations.

Area source A real or theoretical source that radiates as a plane. Sound from an area source

radiates plane waves rather than spherical waves, particularly if the area source is

large relative to the wavelength of the sound produced.

A-Weighting Generally, the ear is most sensitive to frequencies in the range 1 to 4 kHz. The A-

weighting is a filter that can be applied to measured results at varying frequencies, to mimic the frequency response of the human ear, and therefore better represent the likely perceived loudness of the sound. SPL readings with the A-weighting

applied are represented in dB(A).

Back-barrier An area behind a gravel ridge in which guiet-water depositional conditions prevail.

Background Noise This is defined as the LA90 of the residual noise.

Baseline Studies Studies of existing environmental conditions against which any future changes can

be measured or predicted.

Biodiversity Action

Plan

The Biodiversity Action Plan is the UK's initiative to maintain and enhance biodiversity. Natural England and other organisations from across all sectors are

committed to achieving the Plan's conservation goals over the next 20 years and

beyond.

Borehole Holes drilled by hand to determine the nature of the sediments at depth.

Buffer zone An area 100m in width defined around the boundary of any proposed development.

Buried gravel Gravel that had been deposited previously and has been buried by younger marsh

sediments.

Chronology Age sequence of coastal evolution, cf. history of coastal change.

Clay Finest marsh sediments, less than 0.004 mm in diameter.

Clear Area This is an area clear of all obstructions to a very low flying aircraft during an

aborted landing or in an emergency take off situation.

Clinical waste Any waste defined in accordance with the Collection and Disposal of Waste

Regulations 1998 and the Controlled Waste Regulations 1992 (as amended).

Controlled Waste A broad category of waste that is subject to Environment Agency regulation.

Controlled wastes include inert, hazardous, non-hazardous, and clinical waste sub-

categories.

Core See Borehole. May also be used to refer to the material retrieved from the

borehole.

Impacts that result from incremental changes caused by other past, present or Cumulative Impact

reasonably foreseeable future actions together with the project.

Deposition The process by which sediments are laid down as their weight force exceeds the

forces causing transport.

Depositional Energy Term describing the general energy of the forces available for sediment transport.

Distal limb Part of a recurved gravel storm beach that is distant from the 'ness' (see ness).

Do Nothing Predicted future environmental conditions which would exist in the absence of the

development.

Ecosystem Community of interdependent plants and animals interacting in their environment.

Edelman auger Drilling instrument that is screwed into the ground.

EDM Electronic distance meter, used to obtain relative elevations between sites.

Drilling instrument that is pushed into soft sediment and rotated to retrieve cores Eijkelkamp gouge

material.

Environmental A process in which information on the environmental effects of a project is

Assessment collected and taken into account by decision makers.

Environmental Assessment of the likely effects of a project on the environment.

Statement¹ The Statement is submitted by the developer in conjunction with an application for

planning permission

Consequences for human being in terms of health and well-being, including that Environmental Effects¹

of ecosystems and natural systems on which human survival depends resulting

from the environmental impacts

Environmental The processes whereby a change, which may be adverse, beneficial, or both is

Impacts¹ brought about in the existing environment as a result of development activities

Equivalent The Equivalent Continuous Level represents a theoretical

Continuous Level continuous sound, over a stated time period, T, which contains the same (Leq,T) amount of energy as a number of sound events occurring within that time, or a

source that fluctuates in level.

For example, a noise source with an SPL of 80 dB(A) operating for two hours during an eight-hour working day, has an equivalent A-weighted continuous level

over eight hours of 74 dB, or LAeq,8hrs = 74 dB.

The time period over which the Leq is calculated should always be stated.

Facies General term for a sediment type or group of sediment layers.

Fauna All members of the animal kingdom including vertebrates (birds, mammals and fish)

and invertebrates (insects)

Feather edges Term for the thinnest part of a gravel ridge, often on the distal limb, where the

gravel may be penetrated by the hand-drilling.

Fining-up Term referring to a series of sediments that decrease in grain-size up through the

core, being indicative of a reduction in depositional energy.

Flora Members of the plant kingdom including ferns, mosses, and liverworts, algae and

phytoplankton, fungi and lichens.

Fossiliferous Containing fossils that may be used to determine the environment in which the

sediments were deposited. These fossils may also be radiocarbon dated.

General Aviation All civil aviation operations other than scheduled air services and non-scheduled air

transport operations for remuneration or hire.

Geomorphological/ Geomorphic The shape of landforms. Also used to refer to processes causing sediment

erosion, transport and deposition.

Geomorphology the study of earth surface processes and landforms. Also used as a general to

describe the landforms present.

Graded Area Clear and Graded area is clear of all obstructions to a very low flying aircraft

during an aborted landing or an in an emergency take off situation, which is also (Clear and Graded graded to ensure that it can be accessed by emergency

vehicles. Area)

Gravel Coarse-grained sediment particles more than 2 mm in diameter.

Gravel Foreland Complex

Term to describe the landform made up of a series of gravel ridges that change

orientation at a 'ness'.

Gravel Ridge Landform made up of an accumulation of gravel, deposited by high-energy waves.

Hazardous Waste Defined by the Hazardous Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2005 (as

amended) and the Lists of Wastes (England) Regulations 2005 (as amended) and

special measures apply to the management of such wastes.

Holocene The last 10,000 years.

Inert waste Chemically inert, non-combustible, non-biodegradable and non-polluting waste as

defined by the Landfill (England and Wales) Regulations 2002 (as amended)

Initial Noise Ambient prevailing noise in an area before any changes to the existing noise

climate

In situ Materials found in the location where they were originally deposited or placed.

Inter-ridge Environment of low depositional energy between roughly parallel gravel ridges.

Intertidal Zone between high and low tides, i.e. the beach area exposed at low water.

Lamination/ Laminated Sediments that are finely layered.

Line Source A theoretical source of sound, with length only, often used to model long, thin

sound sources, such as roads.

Lithostratigraphy General term for the layering pattern of the sediment.

Loudness A subjective assessment differing individually. The human ear perceives loudness

in a logarithmic fashion. Generally, a perceived doubling or halving of loudness will correspond to an increase or decrease in SPL of 10dB. Note that a doubling of

sound energy corresponds to an increase in SPL of only 3dB.

Macrofossils Fossils that may be seen by the naked eye.

Marsh or Fine grained sediments, generally muds, laid down in quite water conditions at the

marshland sediments turn of the tide.

Microfossils Fossils that may be revealed by microscopic examination.

Minerogenic Sediments in which mineral matter predominates, i.e. clays, silts, sands, gravel and

muds.

Mitigation Any process, activity or thing designed to avoid, reduce or remedy adverse

environmental impacts likely to be caused by a development project.

Mud General term for fine-grained sediments, i.e. silts and clays.

Ness Point where the gravel ridge (or ridges) change orientation as a function of wave processes.

oxidation of nitrogen in the air or fuel. The principal source of nitrogen oxides -nitric oxide (NO) and nitrogen dioxide (NO2), collectively known as NOx - is road traffic; other sources being power stations, heating plants and industrial processes.

Noise A noise can be described as an unwanted sound. Noise can cause nuisance.

Noise Sensitive Receptors (NSR's) Any identified receptor likely to be affected by noise. These are generally human receptors, which may include residential dwellings, work places, schools, hospitals,

and recreational spaces.

Non-hazardous Any waste which is not hazardous or inert waste

Non-recoverable Sediments that cannot be retrieved from the gouge or auger due to high water content.

Octave In reference to the frequency of a sound, an octave describes the difference

between a given frequency and that which is double that frequency, e.g. 125Hz to

500Hz, or 4kHz to 8kHz.

Octave/Third Octave Bands

A sound made up of more than one frequency can be described using a frequency spectrum, which shows the relative magnitude of the different

frequencies within it. The possible range of frequencies is continuous, but can be split up into discrete bands, often an octave or third-octave in width. Each octave band is referred to by its centre frequency, generally 63Hz, 125Hz, 250Hz, 500Hz,

1kHz etc.

OSL (Optically Stimulated Luminescence) dating Method for dating minerogenic sediments that determines the time which has

elapsed since they were last exposed to sunlight.

Oxidation-mottled

Sediments that contain iron-oxides of various colours, normally orange and yellow,

due to periodic wetting and drying.

PaH Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons are members of a large group of organic

compounds widely distributed in the atmosphere, whose molecular structures contain two or more aromatic rings fused together. Because of their low vapour pressures, some PAHs are present at ambient temperatures in air, both as gases and associated with particles. They are formed naturally in the environment, e.g. thermal geological reactions and natural fires and through human activities in all processes involving incomplete combustion of carbon-based fuels e.g. emitted during burning of common fuels, i.e. coal, oil, wood and gas. Tobacco smoke is an

important source in indoor air.

Pathway

The routes by which impacts are transmitted through air, water, soils or plants and

organisms to their receptors

Peat

Organic sediment layers.

Point Source

A theoretical source of sound, with zero size and mass, often used as an approximation to model small sources. Sound from a point source radiates

spherically in all directions.

Potential Impacts

Impacts which could occur in the absence of appropriate design modifications and preventative measures.

Predicted Impacts

Those impacts which are predicted as a consequence of the development, although the nature and severity of their effect will be conditioned by the scope for mitigation.

Producer

Anyone whose activities produce waste or anyone who carries out preprocessing, mixing or other operations resulting in a change in the nature or composition of this waste.

Progradation

Term to describe the growth of the gravel foreland as a result of deposition.

Public Safety Zone (PSZ)

The bulk of the effort to control risk in aviation has been concentrated at protecting the occupants of aircraft. It is only relatively recently that some governments and aviation authorities as a result of increasing aircraft activity and more accidents taking place near the runway thresholds, that are beginning to consider the risks to the public under flight paths in these areas.

Within the PSZ's there are safety benefits from preventing any new development or change of use, which would result in a significant increase in the numbers of people within the zone. The PSZ is based on a risk contour using a 15 year period of aviation forecasts, which allows for a reasonable period of stability after their introduction and allows for growth.

Not all countries have policies on PSZ's as there are no recommendations by the ICAO on the subject. Some countries such the UK the policy on PSZ's is administered by the Department of Transport. In the US Runway Protection Zones are established by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and in Ireland by the Irish Aviation Authority (IAA)

Lydd Airport PSZ's

Since the extent of the PSZ area is a function of aircraft movements, the 10 risk contours for 2 and 5mppa remain clear of developed areas with only few properties affected. But development to support higher throughputs, including significant runway extension would have substantial impact on residential areas to the NE of the airport. The shape and length of the PSZ has been taken from the SERAS report on Lydd Airport.

An example of the dimensions of a PSZ based on a 15 year aircraft movement forecast for Luton Airport is shown on Fig. 4.9

Radiocarbon (¹⁴C) Dating

Method for dating organic material (peat and/or macrofossils) based on the radioactive decay of carbon.

Ramsar

The Convention on Wetlands of International importance, especially as Waterfowl Habitats, is an intergovernmental treaty that aims to stem the progressive encroachment on and loss of wetlands now and in the future.

Receptor

A component of the natural or man made environment such as water, building,

plant affected by impact

Recovery and Recycling

Recovery and recycling means the recovery of waste into products, materials or substances whether for the original or other purposes. It does not include energy recovery. Commonly applied to non-hazardous wastes such as paper, glass, cardboard, plastics and metals. However, hazardous wastes (e.g. solvents) can also be recycled by specialist companies, or by in-house equipment.

Recurved storm beach

Gravel ridge that exhibits changes in orientation along its length, deposited by high energy waves during storms.

Residual Noise

This is the ambient noise minus the specific noise, i.e. the remaining noise when the specific noise source is removed.

Restricted Zone

This is the zone at the end of a runway where the Planning Authority may restrict the type of permitted development due to a possible increase in risk.

Reuse

Reuse means any recovery operation by which products or components that have become waste are used again for the same purpose for which they were conceived:

Runway Strip Area)

CAP 168 requires a cleared strip of 300m wide for instrument runways (Clear and Runway code 3 and 4. of which the first 105m from the centreline are graded and have sufficient bearing strength to support an aircraft without causing major damage to the undercarriage of an aircraft in the event of an coming off the runway during takeoff or landing.

> The ILS being installed to serve runway 22 would require the establishment of the 300m wide strip. This would render unusable all of the existing aircraft parking apron to the southeast of the terminal area and the partial parallel taxiway (see figure 4.5). There are no other major problems associated with the establishment of an instrument runway strip at the airport.

Rhythmites/ Tidal rhythmites. Laminated sediments, often muds, deposited under the influence of the tide.

Sand Sediments between 0.062 and 2 mm in diameter.

Saturated sand

Sands that, because of a high water content, cannot be recovered from the borehole using the auger or gouge corers.

Scoping

Initial stage in determining nature and potential scale of environmental impacts arising from the proposed development, and assessing what further studies are required to establish their significance.

Sea-level index point Sediment association or included fossil material that shows a direct relationship with sea level and, hence, may be used to reconstruct the elevation of past sea

Sediments

General term for material that has been deposited.

Shoreface sands/ sand body

Landform that underlies the gravel, dominated by sand that was deposited below the low tide line.

Silt

Sediments between 0.004 and 0.062 mm in diameter.

Sound Power Level (SWL)

The Sound Power Level defines the rate at which sound energy is emitted by a source, and is also expressed in dB. It is defined as follows:

SWL (dB) = 10 Log 10(W/Wref) where W = Sound Power (in Watts)

Wref = Reference Power 1 picoWatt

Sound Pressure Level (SPL)

The Sound Pressure Level has units of decibels, and compares the level of a sound to the smallest sound pressure generally perceptible by the human ear, or the reference pressure. It is defined as follows:

SPL (dB) = 20 Log10(P/Pref) where P = Sound Pressure (in Pa)

Pref = Reference Pressure 2x10-5 Pa

An SPL of 0dB suggests the Sound Pressure is equal to the reference pressure. This is known as the threshold of hearing.

An SPL of 140dB represents the threshold of pain.

Specific Noise A component of the ambient noise, associated with the specific source under

investigation.

Stratification See Lamination.

Stratigraphic See Lithostratigraphy. Also used to refer to the location of sediments and fossils

within the lithostratigraphy.

Sulphur Oxide

Gases

Sulphur Oxide Gases formed when fuel containing sulfur (mainly coal and oil) is

burned and during metal smelting and other industrial processes.

Suspension Sediments held in the water column when the forces available for transportation

exceed the weight force of the sediments.

Tidal flat Landform between the high and low water marks, often a flat ramp-like beach.

Topographic Survey

Investigation of the changes in height of a given surface.

Topography Variation in height of a given surface, i.e. relief.

Treatment Recovery or disposal of waste.

Troels-Smith classification scheme

Method from the Danish Geological Survey for the description and classification

of sediments.

UKBAP United Kingdom Biodiversity Action Plan.

Unconsolidated Term given to soft sediments, i.e. muds, sands etc., that have not been

transformed into rock.

Volatile Organic Carbons

Defined as under the VOC Protocal (Geneva 1991) as "all organic compounds of anthropogenic nature, other than methane, that are capable of producing photochemical oxidants by reations with nitrous oxides in the presence of sunlight". VOCs are involved in formation of ground level ozone and depletion of the ozone layer contributing to the greenhouse effect as methane and photochemical oxidants

are greenhouse gases.

Waste means any substance or object which the holder discards or intends or is required

to discard

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