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TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL APPROVES AIRPORT RUNWAY SAFETY PROJECT PLANS

Tewkesbury Borough Council's Planning Committee today voted to permit three of the four planning applications lodged by Gloucestershire Airport in relation to its Runway Safety Project.

Plans to demolish and rebuild a kennels and cattery business, divert and culvert a brook and relocate the Airport's entrance road were permitted, with a fourth application to demolish and rebuild a farmhouse and associated buildings being deferred, at the Airport's request, to enable Planning Officers to consider significant amendments to the scheme, submitted at a late stage.

Airport Director, Mark Ryan said: "We're delighted with today's decision. This is a major milestone in our Runway Safety Project and is essential to the future of the Airport in terms of safety, our ability to deliver increased profitability to the shareholders and the economic prosperity of the region as a whole."

Tewkesbury Borough Council applied a number of conditions to the applications to minimise the future environmental impacts of the Airport, including limitations on the total number of flights and out-of-hours use of the Airport's facilities.

Head of Operations, Darren Lewington said: "We've worked closely with our Shareholders and the Planning Authorities to address the concerns by local residents and have achieved a balanced position, which has been accepted by the Planning Committee."

We'll continue to liaise with the Planning Officers in the coming weeks to resolve the remaining issues with the final application and hope to be able to present to committee at the earliest opportunity."