

- **There has been insufficient consideration given to the impact of the proposal on the safety and welfare of the children who live near to Gatwick Airport and / or who attend school near to Gatwick Airport.** In particular, the impact that increased levels of air pollution would have on these children's lung development. Children are uniquely vulnerable to air pollution and this concern is particularly urgent for those children with existing health concerns such as asthma.
- **Air pollution has been identified as causing significant physical and developmental harm to children** (see the [Royal College of Physicians, 2016](#) for overviews of research and the [coroner's report for Ella Kissi-Debra](#) who died as a result of exposure to air pollution). Research has identified that some children, for instance with underlying health conditions, are at increased risk of significant harm.
- The Children Acts (1989 and 2004) and government guidance ([Working Together, 2018](#)) identifies that certain public bodies, including Local Authorities, have a duty to ensure their functions have regard to the safety and welfare of children. **Environmental factors are intrinsic to the health and wellbeing of children, and their effective protection.** This is referred to as 'contextual safeguarding'. In 2018, [Contextual Safeguarding](#) was overtly identified as an area of specific **child protection** work.



- **Section 11 of The Children Act, 2004, certain public bodies have a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.** The Planning Inspectorate is a public body and, although the Planning Inspectorate does not work directly with children, in making the decision over this planning application, it does provide a service pursuant to the Local Authority discharging its duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.
- **The impact of the proposals on child safety and welfare needs to be assessed so that an evidence based decision can be made.** This impact assessment should include child safeguarding and air quality assessments, with specific reference to the potential impact on children, particularly those with existing health conditions such as asthma.

If you need any further information please let me know. If you would like me to complete a form, I would be happy to do so.