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To: [Gatwick Airport](#)
Subject: Proposed New Runway at Gatwick Airport
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Dear Sir/Madam

I oppose the Gatwick Airport application for a northern runway for the following reasons:

1. New Runway: it is a new runway which does not comply with the Government's Aviation Strategy. Gatwick does not have 2 runways that it can operate concurrently today and as such it is a new runway being constructed.
2. Aircraft and traffic noise: Increase in aircraft noise – evidence an additional 101,000 flights a year to a cap of 386,000. The volume of noise under the flightpaths and on roads for miles around Gatwick will increase greatly and will undoubtedly affect the sleep, stress levels and health and well-being of residents in towns, villages and countryside under and near the flightpaths. Noise consultant appointed by CAGNE declare the noise envelope plans offered to residents as poor.
3. Housing. There is insufficient affordable housing locally to enable workers to walk or cycle to work as the applicant proposes and lack of amenities.
4. Increased traffic: There will be a huge and unacceptable increase in the volume of traffic approaching and departing from the airport. Gatwick sits on a single main road, the M23 which is deemed an unsafe smart road. To add to the huge increase in freight, passengers and workers will cause a significant increase in congestion on residential roads and an inevitable decline in air quality.
5. Rail transport: The airport sits on the Brighton Main Line, which cannot be expanded. Therefore it will be impossible for the railway services to cope with the additional burden to the line which the Gatwick expansion would impose.
6. Climate emergency: The climate emergency facing the World has to be tackled. A new runway would add a significant amount of carbon and greenhouse gases – Evidence CCC (2020) The Sixth Carbon Budget – Methodology Report.

I hope that due consideration will be given to the points raised above.

Yours sincerely

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