



I strongly oppose the Gatwick Airport application for a northern runway because:

We live directly under the flight path with the noise & air pollution from aircraft landing & taking off directly above our house becoming increasingly intrusive. We are 10 miles from Gatwick, but even at this distance, in our house & garden, conversation is frequently interrupted by aircraft noise with night flights causing considerable sleep disturbance. The proposed huge increase in air traffic caused by a second runway will be just intolerable.

The proposal shows no financial provision for extra infrastructure in the surrounding areas:

Gatwick currently is on a single main road, the M23. Surrounding the airport are numerous of our rural lanes which are already over- burdened with excess traffic in & around the busy SE. Gatwick has made no provision for the huge increase in traffic, which will also include construction vehicles, on roads that are already in a parlous state.

There is only one rail route serving Gatwick which runs north/south from London to Brighton & this is already overcrowded with commuters having to stand owing to steadily increasing passengers travelling to & from Gatwick. There is no capacity for another railway.

There will be little long- term economic gain from this “project”.

Employment at Gatwick is often temporary & increasingly, full time skilled jobs are being mechanised & digitalised.

There is very little affordable housing for short term employment & the rural transport links in this area are known to poor. Many people have to travel to Gatwick by car thus increasing congestion & pollution on surrounding roads.

The only people who will benefit financially from this project are the owners of Gatwick Airport Ltd & its shareholders, most of whom have no consideration or interest in the negative environmental impact on our surrounding countryside & its population.

Gatwick mainly serves the leisure industry, not business nor freight traffic & the larger proportion of travellers are travelling away from, not into GB to spend their money abroad, not in this country.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Many companies are conscientiously making great efforts to de-carbonise their businesses, yet Gatwick Airport is proposing to exponentially *increase* carbon emissions despite all the evidence that climate change is threatening our planet. The government must be fully aware that the expansion is completely incompatible with the UK’s target on climate change. The fact that the Government are even considering the application suggests they do not take the threat to our future generations seriously.