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The Planning Inspectorate (PINS) Web link to register as an interested party is not functioning. The message comes 'Registration is now closed', despite it being earlier than 2359 hours today

Please note:

We oppose the Gatwick airport application for the northern runway for the following reasons:

Noise. There will be a significant increase in aircraft noise both locally and in the surrounding area.

Transport links. The links to the existing airport are adequate but will be poor if the expansion project goes ahead. Rail links to London suffer from a bottleneck at Croydon. The smart north/south M23 will not be able to cope with increased traffic flow for the new project and there is no meaningful east /west road or rail.

Flood risk. The river Mole has shown that risk assessments against flooding events have proved inadequate. The airport expansion will increase the risk which combined with current and proposed housing development on flood plains upriver will increase the risk of flooding, particularly downstream. This needs to be researched further.

Environment. We are meant to be reducing emissions etc to approach net zero. This project and the knock-on effects in the surrounding areas goes in the opposite direction. Do we need more development in the southeast?

Night flights. There needs to be a ban on night flights, whether the airport expansion goes ahead or not.

Who benefits ? Additional infrastructure costs, expansion of road networks , increased housing, more schools , hospitals etc will be large (most to be funded by the taxpayer?) . The quality of life of the population in the immediate area will decrease. Unemployment is low so additional people and housing will be required, but are we not meant to be encouraging development away from the south east. So perhaps the only beneficiaries are Gatwick's shareholders.

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