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**To:** [Gatwick Airport](#)  
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To whom it may concern

The Planning Inspectorate (PINS) Web link to register as an interested party is not functioning. We have therefore been advised to contact yourselves in order to meet your deadline of tonight at midnight to register our opposition to any development or expansion of Gatwick Airport in the strongest terms.

We have been residents in [REDACTED] Surrey for over 25 years. During that time two applications have been made by Gatwick Airport to expand their operations. Each time their application has been declined. Why?  
Because of:

- the massive increase in traffic, airport and aeroplane noise in the surrounding area including Ockley which lies in an area of outstanding natural beauty,
- the lack of supporting infrastructure for the estimated rise in traffic locally,
- the rise in levels of pollution caused by both the increase in car traffic and of course from the massive increase in the number of flights,
- the lack of a coherent economic argument and;
- the unlikely beneficial economic and social impact of any expansion of activity at Gatwick locally.

During our time living here in [REDACTED], aeroplane traffic has risen (bar during Covid), particularly during the summer and overnight. There has been a noticeable creep in the flight path. Flights appear more and more over our patch of Ockley (the northern end) while flights still seem to be steadily increasing in number on the southern side too, where the flight path has been for a long time.

We do not like this creep. We do not like the increase in noise and pollution. While we would like things to return to how they were 5 years ago, with planes adhering to agreed flight paths, we also recognise the benefit and convenience of a 'local' airport.

Your plans for development however would be an abomination and totally unacceptable to us. The arguments against development and expansion of flight numbers still stand. They have not changed. Because of:

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This seems to us a cynical attempt at profiteering over a more measured, considered and respectful approach that takes account the opinions of local people and our precious environment - surely a priceless asset we should all want to treasure. Gatwick is not the right place to increase flight capacity. That's why we say no to this application.

Yours faithfully  
Henrietta Senior

