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To: [Gatwick Airport](#)
Subject: Gatwick Airport Northern Runway
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Dear Planning Inspectorate case team,

Earlier today I was informed of the proposed "amendment of Gatwick Airport to support dual runway operations through the routine use of the existing northern runway." I was also informed that the proposal is at examination stage, and the deadline to register as an interested party is 23:59 today, Sunday 29th October 2023. Unfortunately, when I attempted to register on your website this evening, I discovered that the registration form had closed early. This has prevented me, and no doubt other interested parties who have only just heard about the consultation, from registering.

Therefore I request that my views below be recorded and considered during the examination stage that has not yet closed.

I strongly object to the proposed "amendment of Gatwick Airport to support dual runway operations through the routine use of the existing northern runway and to accommodate up to 74 million passengers per annum." Aviation contributes a significant portion of the UK's carbon emissions into the atmosphere, which exacerbates the climate emergency that the UK government itself has declared. Any increase to the number of flights into and out of Gatwick airport would increase carbon emissions, and therefore would be contrary to the UK Government's Net Zero carbon emission targets, and contrary to the Paris Agreement 2015 that the UK Government signed up to.

I also strongly object to "amendments to taxiways, terminals and ancillary facilities, highways and rivers; as well as temporary construction works, mitigation works and other associated development." Such amendments would involve construction works that would consume new materials and disturb the ground on which it takes place. I am particularly concerned that rivers will be amended, altering natural waterways and consequently disturbing wildlife; the latter would be disastrous if you take into account the findings of the recently published State of Nature Report 2023, which I think you should.

For the above reasons I request that Gatwick Airport Limited's application to amend their airport to support dual runway operations through the routine use of the existing northern runway be rejected.

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Richard Pettitt
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