

**Gatwick Northern Runway Open Floor hearing presentation    Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 2024**

*My name is Nick Broom & I am CEO and owner of PVL UK and Preview; businesses I founded in this area 25 years ago.*

*I live and work locally and currently employ 54 staff, who are local to the area, at our factory in Burgess Hill where we manufacture a wide range of branding, signage and safety markings. We supply & fit vehicle safety livery & brand markings to the emergency service fleets & commercial businesses domestically & abroad and are the market leaders in vehicle safety markings in the UK.*

*We have a factory base in Europe too, and a very strong presence in the Middle East & Europe where we continue to expand having exported to 27 countries to date, and the new Saudi Neom project is a key focus for us.*

*We've recently invested significantly for future growth, spending almost £1m this year and we send up to 100 parcels a day all over the UK and internationally.*

*Gatwick Airport gives us the ability to connect and service our clients and partners internationally and the expansion will improve capacity to ensure more of our flights and airfreight can be serviced locally with better frequency. This in turn can help us reduce our carbon footprint reducing the miles travelled for our parcels.*

*This connectivity supports the growth of my business and lead to greater local skilled employment opportunities alongside increased local spending by the business.*

*I naturally have some concerns over increased traffic and look forward to hearing the solutions being proposed to alleviate traffic to, and around the airport moving forward. But if we don't support GAL expansion, then what? If Heathrow is ever to happen, it will be 10-15 years before we see any usable capacity and it will have significantly more negative impact on every aspect than the GAL proposal.*

*Finally, GAL have also made a key promise for increased local procurement and I'm very keen to see that being delivered and reported on to demonstrate the importance and impact of such a large organisation to the local and wider economy.*

*Thank you for the opportunity to expand on our support for the Airport Expansion.*

Nick Broom – CEO, PVL UK Ltd