

I am very concerned about the proposed development relating to converting the emergency runway at Gatwick to a full-time use second runway. My main concerns are: 1) noise - as a resident of Ifield living close to the airport, having an additional runway would substantially increase the noise around the area, and I haven't seen any substantial proposals relating to noise abatement; 2) pollution - having an additional runway would substantially degrade the air quality around the airport; 3) traffic - substantially increasing the number of travellers arriving at the airport will impact hugely on an already congested travel network in and around Crawley; 4) impact of additional workforce - Crawley's local infrastructure is already under pressure, and with the addition of the proposed runway and the mostly low-paid service jobs expected to go with it, the town is not in a position to cope with such an influx; 5) the economic benefit - as stated in 4, most of the jobs associated with the runway will be low-paid service sector jobs and will not bring the benefits the developer is claiming.