

I am concerned about noise from Gatwick flights and do not think that the applicant has considered this sufficiently. The applicant only seems to consider noise close to the airport, but it is suffered a long way away over very many communities.

I am concerned about the Ashdown Forest, which is an important area for the health and well being of local people and visitors as it provides a space for outdoor recreation. It is also an important area for conservation and environmental protection. Gatwick should reduce the already unacceptable noise over it rather than increase it. It is important for the local economy as it supports businesses that are selling tranquility and need tourism to survive. These rural business may be anything that needs peaceful outdoor space to thrive. These rural businesses are pubs, restaurants, hotels, heritage attractions, open gardens, B&Bs, campsites, riding schools, wedding venues. The list goes on and on and there has not, as far as I can see, been any thought at all about the impact the more noise and traffic from Gatwick.

This concern is in addition to the effect of noise over peoples' houses and schools. Please could the Planning Inspectorate think about all the people who would be adversely affected by a Gatwick almost as big as Heathrow is today. People would not generally choose to spend precious holiday time next to Heathrow, so that is what Gatwick expansion will do the Surrey, Sussex and Kent areas that suffer from Gatwick overflight. The noise would drive people seeking leisure time out of the area and businesses would suffer.