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I live under the flightpath to Gatwick - and though I am 20 miles from the airport - I am seriously affected by noise from incoming planes, especially at night. They keep me awake, and when I do sleep, they wake me. I've lived here for almost 30 years and noise from night flights now significantly affects my health. This isn't helped by night flights being entirely unnecessary - there is no justification for them apart from profit. Doubling flight numbers would have an appalling effect on the health of many, many people.

I am also deeply concerned about the environmental impact of expanding Gatwick as it would massively increase emissions of CO_2, and with no realistic technological alternatives to current aviations fuels in sight, increasing flight numbers in the way that Gatwick plans will have an extremely negative impact on the UK's commitment to reducing carbon emissions and avoiding climate breakdown.

No one needs an expanded Gatwick: the only people who will benefit are the owners and shareholders. Local people will be landed with transport chaos. Local businesses will have to compete for workers in an area where housing and infrastructure are already at their limit.

Gatwick does not serve the business community: almost all its flights are for holidays. I'm not against flying for a once-a-year holiday but as we try our hardest to reduce our dependence on high-carbon travel, we cannot logically allow the expansion of an airport that encourages frequent short-haul flights. As a nation we must make it easier for people to travel by lower carbon means (trains, buses) and planning policy has to reflect this.The UK has, after all, made a legal commitment to reducing carbon emissions. Allowing Gatwick to expand would fly in the face of this.