

For some 2/3 years we have been increasingly exposed to higher noise levels mostly emanating from Gatwick departing aircraft travelling over our property (Bracken Lodge Churt GU102NZ and is an AONB zone)

Most of these aircraft are flying in westerly or south-westerly direction at altitudes that cause noise intrusion. Most aircraft that cause problems are bound for various destinations in the Americas (N&S) and destinations in Southern Europe and N Africa The concerned airlines are many and various both UK registered and overseas.

The barometric altitude of the offending aircraft are in a range 7000-9000 and frequently lower. Our property is at 523 ft above sea level so the effective height is lower and therefore noise level we experience is higher. In addition there is potentially an increase in air pollution and an impact on the local environment including SSSI areas. All observations other than visual are verified on FlightRadar 24.

The proposal to add an additional runway and or to increase activity on the northern runway will make the existing intrusion and pollution even worse. Our understanding is that there will be a huge increase in flights passing over our property at potentially even lower altitude.

We therefore strongly object to this application and move to dismiss the application and any related variants of it.

Gov't guidelines for increasing airport capacity including Gatwick are predicated on following a thoroughly robust policy with concerted supportive actions to reduce the environmental impact - in all aspects. This application seems to ignore this guiding principle with little regard to the concerns of the public and the environment. Furthermore the needs case to support the large number of additional flights is not proven. Given the already high level of aircraft congestion in the South East generally, it's reasonable to judge that there would be a growing safety issue.

Thus this application for expansion should be rejected in its entirety.