

I was born locally and have lived around Gatwick all my life, currently living in Charlwood. The building of a new runway (not really using an exciting 1 is it, it is a taxiway they will be moving and extending and why do they no longer need an emergency run way?) would change local residents lives forever all in the name of greed from the owners. Tell me why the public inquiry a few years ago decided Heathrow was the obvious choice and not Gatwick? What has changed? Economic benefits, 14000 jobs, do we need them? You can walk into Gatwick tomorrow and get a job, there is no need for a development for jobs around here. If you are being told people in Croydon would love the offer of jobs at Gatwick then I ask why aren't they filling the vacancies now? I run a semi rural business that I would love to expand but would need to rent a unit to do so, Gatwick prices me out. I have a friend who recently had to close an extremely successful rural business after 20 yrs because she had to find new premises and she would have run at a loss because Gatwick prices local businesses out of the market.

Expanding Gatwick will destroy the rural locations surrounding it, not just by destroying our countryside, polluting our air but also by forcing rural businesses out of the area. We will just get new businesses moving and creating more low grade jobs working night shifts etc as are already being offered at Gatwick, those wages can only support living in a house of multi occupancy not jobs to support local families renting or paying a mortgage. This leads to more people being transported into the area, how? The trains and major roads only run north to south, our local roads are falling apart with the current level of traffic, they won't cope with such an increase. The trains do not run 24hrs to cater for the shift workers they think they will ship in. Will Gatwick be paying in the future for the upkeep of our roads or will they just claim they were already damaged and we will all get our local taxes put up to pay for Gatwicks damage. Without a doubt if Gatwick is allowed to make this unnecessary expansion then it will destroy the local areas, both financially and health wise, local residents will end up paying with both of these.