

We have lived in the local area all our lives and for the last 12 yrs in our forever home in Charlwood. We have always lived in harmony with the airport, without it we would probably wouldn't have been able to afford the area despite it being our childhood area. Having spent her entire childhood watching planes our daughter is now hoping to train as a pilot (did you know there is a shortage of pilots, predicted to get worse over the next 20yrs) so we are by no means anti Gatwick just anti unnecessary expansion just for the financial benefits of the owners. It will be an expansion, there is no northern runway just an emergency taxi way which for some reason is no longer needed! This means a new runway ' will ' be built and I guess it will then need a new terminal to go with it, oh and perhaps it might also need an emergency runway! Mass expansion destroying the local area for what! Gatwick is a holiday airport. In previous expansion events, I have listened to pilots telling us their airlines don't want to fly from Gatwick and neither do they. Only about a year ago waiting at an airport for our return flight home I asked a couple of Virgin pilots when Virgin airlines would be returning to Gatwick, they both replied ' never we hope ' they hate flying from Gatwick,so how about you ask the airlines if its needed.

London has now got ULEZ, you allow Gatwick to expand then do we know what that is going to do to our air? My daughter has a friend who lives locally who missed weeks of school [REDACTED]. We allow Gatwick to expand and in the blink of an eye we will be told we need a ULEZ locally and we the locals will be paying for that. Our country lanes that provide east to west routes to the airport are already falling apart, will Gatwick pay or will we! The villages are struggling to slow traffic through them, if 20mph are introduced then our country lanes between the villages will become race tracks to get to Gatwick.

We can deal with the current noise pollution from Gatwick, there are times in the summer when its too hot to sleep we have to go to bed with the windows shut because early morning flights will wake us, as I said we live with Gatwick as it is but to expand would just destroy so many peoples quality of lives for nothing but one companies gain. The employment argument is flawed, just look on indeed and see the number of jobs Gatwick is already trying to fill! We are a country who is supposedly looking at our carbon footprint, do we need more flights, do we hear people complaining how long they are having to wait to get a flight to where they wish to go on holiday? I honestly think there is no need now or in the future to have more flights to/from Gatwick or indeed anywhere in our county.