

Plane Wrong is a member of GACC and the Chairman is a member of the GACC committee. We fully endorse the Deadline 1 submission made by GACC.

We have the following additional comments which are specific to our members.

In Agenda Item 5 of ISH 5, Steve Mitchell, for the applicant, stated that the proposal was based on "intensification of operations over the current routes".

Our members reside under Route 4 and many of them are also affected by Route 3, in addition to Heathrow departures. In 2023 Route 4 was the most used departure Route (28%) and Route 3 the 5th busiest Route (10%). One of Routes 3 and 4 are always in operation, therefore these residents have no respite at all throughout 365 days. This combined 38% of departures are squeezed into the narrow gap of airspace between Gatwick and Heathrow. The majority of these departures are restricted to 3000ft or 4000ft for very long distances due to the requirement to stay below Heathrow departures. To add up to 40% more departures along these routes would be an intolerable burden on these residents, in particular those living in rural environments. There is very little prospect of either the current Route 4 ACP (Airspace Change Proposal) or the FASIS South (Future Airspace Strategy Implementation - South) ACP providing any alleviation to the current intensity in either altitude or lateral dispersion. Unless the Applicant can demonstrate how it can accommodate its planned expansion within the airspace that it has available, without having an unacceptable environmental impact on residents under the current Gatwick departure routes the proposal should not be allowed. Gatwick just does not have enough airspace to accommodate its planned expansion.

Most of our members reside outside of the Noise Envelope, but suffer from a very high frequency of noise events. This demonstrates that the Noise Envelope alone is not a perfect tool in predicting the environmental effects of noise.

We also feel very strongly, that if the proposal is allowed, there should be an absolute ban on night flights for a full 8-hour period. The daytime expansion will be intolerable for many residents and to continue with night time disturbance would be absolutely unacceptable.