

We have lived close to Gatwick for 53 years. This cynical application to utilise the emergency runway as a second formal runway is contrary to wider government policy and would be utilising valuable resources in its institution. Residents should be protected from a development that would increase air and noise pollution, and savage the rural environment we currently enjoy. The infrastructure exercise is being promoted without any real help from GAL resulting in the costs of road and rail upgrades being met by the taxpayer. This is unacceptable and would result in the whole surrounding infrastructure becoming overstretched, clogged with traffic and creating even greater air pollution. The area is also on a flood plain and when flooding occurs, all routes can be closed. There is almost zero unemployment in the area, so where would extra staff be found? In a drought year, there is not enough water available. PLEASE do not permit this rape of our countryside. Corporate greed should not dictate the future of air travel in the UK especially when it is to the detriment of those living nearby.