

Warnham Parish Council – 28th February open hearing

Warnham Parish is west of Gatwick Airport about 7nm as planes fly. It is a rural area and desirable at present with house prices being higher due to its ambience and historic charm of being birthplace of the poet Shelley and mentioned as a settlement in the Dooms Day book.

I am an elected councillor of Warnham Parish Council with xxxx residents and have the mandate to oppose this new runway proposal.

North of our parish, close to the Surrey border already suffers three departure routes to the west which fly 70%+ of the time with all arrivals the remaining 30%+ being under the final approach. Departures and arrivals over at 1,500ft or less with wheels down early to decrease speed of approaching aircraft increasing noise by up to 5 decibels.

We are not included in Gatwick's figures or the noise envelope as we are outside the 51-decibel contour day and 45-decibel contour night and yet our parish currently has no let us from aircraft noise.

With a new runway departing planes are at their noisiest with near full thrust of engines.

We are concerned about the ramifications of a new runway on the roads, lack of affordable housing, lack of public transport, lack of healthcare, schools, and the impact that changes to the project (which we were not consulted upon) to the waste site at Gatwick.

Gatwick does not state where the waste from 2 runways will go. As our parish neighbours three waste sites we are very concerned by the potential increase in waste, HGV traffic on our roads and the increased smell and vermin from the waste sites.

Our parish is used as a cut through for traffic due to the current congestion on the main roads, as such we see Gatwick would add to this factor due to increase pressure on housing, lack of public transport to transport workers and flyers. This can only decline air quality locally for us.

We appreciate that Gatwick may dismiss these as factors that are not of their making, but we would suggest the far reaching impacts of a new runway must be understood and taken on board by the Planning Inspectorates when considering this application for a new runway.

We see no element of this application that our parish council can support. We do not believe this application is in keeping with policy. We therefore ask the inspectors to seriously consider the impact on our parishioners which we believe is far greater than any economic benefit Gatwick may say they will bring with this new runway.

Noise Hearing – 6th March

As Gatwick is at its busiest in during warmer months our residents to the north are already restricted from outdoor lifestyle, opening of windows due to the noise and emissions from passing planes day and night.

Kingsfold currently has no let up from aircraft noise being impacted by three departure routes 70%+ of the time and 30%+ arrivals, so noise 24/7 12 months a year. With 2 runways the noise for these residents would be unacceptable.

They are outside the 51-decibel contour day and 45 decibel night. They are offered no assurances by their noise envelope as it does not come out as far as our parish. The noise envelope does not include the modernisation of airspace where we see Gatwick seeking to expand over our parish with new flight paths.

As Gatwick is currently progressing the modernisation of airspace, we believe this should be included in this DCO process. As EasyJet suggest in their Relevant Representation, Gatwick will require the redesigning of the airspace to prevent more airspace congestion and delays with a 2 runway operation. This puts our parish at immediate threat of new flight paths as due to the trial operated by Gatwick in 2014 over new areas of our parish, Gatwick is not trusted to conduct environmental or social impact studies.

We have no compensation; insulation offer to our resident now and none with a new runway for loss of house value and wellbeing.

With the vast increase proposed by Gatwick Airport we would see two runways firing off early in the morning (6am) as well as late evenings with arrivals the remainder of the time if not more departures of longhaul mid-day onwards.

The longhaul we experience are older planes that fly so low and increase the noise and visual impact over our rural, highly sort after parish.

Residents of Warnham were subjected to an experiment in 2014 when Gatwick flew the first concentrated flight path over the middle of our parish with no warning. This led to huge uprising of residents with anger towards the airport, elected officials, and with residents feeling helpless with talk of divorce, suicide, and negative mortgages.

This trial route then appeared as three routes off the 3rd runway plus part of something called LAMP, the predecessor to FASIS.

Our parish today is subjected to go arounds and bad weather flying which causes further anger amongst our residents as the heart of our parish is not under any flight paths that warrant such disturbance. Gatwick ignore this fact.

We see noise groups continue to seek to move noise over our parish away from their homes where planes are far higher and yet our parishioners are in the dark to this Gatwick noise management board operated for unsubstantiated noise groups.

Our parish already suffers an unacceptable totality of noise at very low heights which does not seem a consideration of this new runway proposal.

We see no element of this application that our parish council can support. We do not believe this application is in keeping with policy. We therefore ask the inspectors to seriously consider the impact on our parishioners which we believe is far greater than any economic benefit Gatwick may say they will bring with this new runway.

Thank you