

Following the modification of the flight path coming in to land when there is an east wind in 2013/14, life in our home of then 30 years was made distressing by the roaring of aircraft overhead. This change was made without any consultation with the people on the ground who have to suffer the unreasonable amount of noise. I made my life here in Kirdford and Gatwick airport has made it utterly miserable on lovely summer days. I am too old to move and start again so have decided to remain in my home, of now over 40 years, despite the aircraft problem.

Now, after a government inquiry which concluded that if there were to be another major runway for London, it should be Heathrow. The decision was that there should be no further runway. Global warming is now a major issue and the air travel industry is a major contributor. Gatwick airport continues to want to increase the number of flights and with another runway the problem is likely to double.

The motivation for the expansion is greed. The developers simply do not care about their children and grandchildren inheriting a poisoned world. We, as one of the richer countries causing global warming will probably be the last to suffer but the whole of humanity will suffer unless we stop increasing the level of carbon emissions.

I am aware the when booking tickets some airlines say you can "tick a box" and pay a bit extra for carbon offsetting. I listened to a BBC analysis of this by experts who said it simply doesn't work. This is greenwashing. That is the politest term. It is simply a lie.

Gatwick flights are largely holiday flights. The world is being poisoned for the sake of rich holidaymakers who think it is okay because it is possible to go to some far flung destination for a couple of days.

European travel is more cleanly possible by train but clearly, places further away can only realistically be reached by plane. We have more than enough capacity to cater for that.

There are so many people whose lives are made miserable by the current high level of aircraft activity and I know when I have talked to people about it they feel powerless against big international business. I know I do but most people don't feel able to respond as it feels utterly futile as there is no indication that our views are ever taken into account.

The reason for another runway at Gatwick is solely greed. More profits for the shareholders. The company might say they are providing jobs etc but there is no mass unemployment. The south east is fully employed. People would need to be brought in from other parts of the country. Does Gatwick think they are doing the area a favour?? I don't think so. I don't think I am overly cynical. The motivation is profit, never mind that it's poisoning the world and making millions of lives miserable in the process.

I object 100% to another runway being developed at Gatwick. The world and our personal environment will be better off with fewer planes not more.