

## Gatwick Airport Inspectorate report.

As the duly elected representative of the Mole Valley Chamber of Commerce I will give a report as to our findings.

As to a response to the request for local business feelings, of the Northern runway move and the subsequent increase in air traffic moments.

I can inform the Inspectorate that the majority of our members and other local businesses, that I represent are in favour of the proposed plans and support the plan to alter the Northern runway for the purpose of allowing increased aircraft movements.

There are three main reasons that the local businesses feel this would be good for the local area:

An increase in footfall to the local area would be a benefit to both the shops and amenities which will also encourage people to stay in the area.

An increased in people using the local Hotel & Hospitality places which the trade needs to boost their revenue after the losses made due to last few years of pore footfall and the pandemic.

Local businesses being able to travel from Gatwick to a greater number of countries allowing them to trade, so increasing their revenue.

The local area has many places of interest including National Trust & English Heritage sites of historical interest, for travellers to visit while here on their holidays or business travel downtime.

Talking with the local businesses I have found that the majority of them do not find that the movement of aircraft an issue nor do they feel the noise levels are any greater than that of the local & main roads.

Therefore, as a Chamber we support the plan to allow the relocation of the Northern runway and the increase of air traffic movements, in the understanding that this will eventually increase support to the local economy and the wellbeing of the area.