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#### Good afternoon

Following the Open Floor Hearing las week, please find below a copy of my statement from that session.

## Good morning,

My name is Joe Concheiro, and I stand here today as the co-founding director of a Telephony and Broadband Solutions Provider located near Gatwick Airport. At our company, we're passionate about supplying local businesses with the essential communication tools they need to thrive, including Voice and Data services.

Over the past few years, we've witnessed firsthand the critical role that Gatwick Airport plays in sustaining our local economy. During the challenging times of Covid-19, many of the businesses we support faced immense difficulties. Without the airport, a significant portion of these businesses wouldn't have been able to survive. This experience has underscored the vital link between Gatwick and the prosperity of our community.

I want to highlight the importance of the airport expansion project for our local business community. This ambitious initiative holds the potential to elevate Gatwick Airport into a major transportation hub. By attracting more airlines, the expansion will not only enhance connectivity but also create numerous job opportunities for our residents. Additionally, it will inject much-needed capital into our local economy, stimulating growth and development.

However, this expansion, it's crucial that we prioritize the well-being of our community. The project must be executed with utmost care to minimize disruption to our daily lives. By doing so, we can ensure that the benefits of expansion are realized without compromising the quality of life for the residents.

In essence, I don't see the expansion of Gatwick Airport just about building runways and terminals; it's about securing a prosperous future for our region. It's about creating opportunities for local businesses to thrive and for individuals to pursue fulfilling careers. It's about ensuring that our community continues to grow and prosper for generations to come.

Together, we should support the airport expansion project, knowing that by doing so, we're not only investing in infrastructure but also in the prosperity and well-being of our entire community.

## Thank you.

Many thanks for the opportunity and I sincerely hope the correct decision is made.

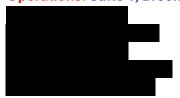
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