

## **Gatwick Northern Runway Open Floor Hearing 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

My name is Craig Berresford & I am the Managing Director of Preview Graphics.

I live locally and have done all of my life, our business employ's around 50 staff in Burgess Hill, West Sussex. Our company provides design, marketing services and signage to businesses in the local area, as well as throughout the UK and mainland Europe. We travel regularly into Europe and try to use Gatwick where possible.

As a local business deeply entrenched in the Gatwick community, we strongly advocate for the expansion of the northern runway at the airport. The expansion represents not just an infrastructural upgrade but we feel a catalyst for unlocking economic growth and opportunity for businesses in the region. We regularly ship parcels containing our goods and believe the opportunity can actually have a positive benefit to reducing our shipping of air freight.

The expansion of the northern runway will support the growth of our business and others like ours, leading to higher skilled workforces, along with greater local spending. We feel it will open new markets to us, facilitating easier business travel and attracting foreign investment. As well as seeing greater competition and bringing down the cost to do business throughout Europe.

Preview recognise the importance of addressing environmental concerns associated with the expansion. The project must be accompanied by sustainable practices, including emission reduction initiatives and noise mitigation measures to minimise its ecological footprint. We believe that by prioritising environmental stewardship, the benefits of expansion can be balanced with all of our responsibility to protect the planet for future generations.

In conclusion, Preview and I feel the expansion of the northern runway at Gatwick Airport is a strategic imperative for our local business community. It promises to enhance connectivity, stimulate economic growth and position the Gatwick area as a hub for business and innovation. By supporting this expansion, we are investing in the continued prosperity and success of our region.

Thank you for your time.