

LGW N Runway

LGW Needs More Direct Connectivity with India Tier 1 cities

- India slated to be 3rd largest aviation market this year and 3rd largest economy by 2030
- Until Air India started direct services to India in March 2023 from LGW, we had to change planes in Europe or the ME
- Air India currently flying from LGW only to Tier 2 cities
- Need direct flights to Tier 1 cities like Mumbai and Delhi
- To attract other carriers like Indigo, India's largest domestic carrier, which ordered long haul planes last week, we need N runway capacity

We need more full-service carriers to attract and retain Businesses in our Area, particularly Hitech businesses

Tier 1

1st example...

- In the nineties, I worked for a hitech firm here in Crawley (whose revenue grew from £2-£25m in 3 years)
- We assembled circuit boards which we exported to Europe from LGW. I'm not sure European connectivity at LGW is so good now...
- ...but we flew from LHR to get to our HQ in Palo Alto as LGW's connectivity with the world has always been an issue for businesses

2nd example

- Researching yesterday, I was shocked to discover that there are no direct flights, LCC or otherwise, to get to Rotterdam, Amsterdam and Brussels from LGW. In the nineties, I used business class on BA CityFlyer
- LCC is fine for a certain market but full-service flights are needed for business people to enable us to carry on working

and being productive throughout the airport and flight journey.
The N Runway will provide the capacity to bring back full-
service carriers to LGW