

Passenger Survey on Gatwick Expansion

On April 13 2024 I visited Gatwick Airport with other members of Extinction Rebellion. We spoke with the police about our intentions and they were happy for us to ask Gatwick Airport's passengers how they felt about Gatwick expansion. They were asked to place a sticker next to the the reply which most closely matched their feelings about Gatwick expansion.

Between 10am when we arrived and 1pm over 300 people took part, placing stickers on either of two identical boards, in South Terminal Arrivals and Departures. I was taking photos and have attached a picture of the boards taken at the airport immediately after we finished, which I think tells the story.

The statements which were pro-expansion got less than 10% of the stickers, against over 90% anti-expansion.

The most popular statement was "Gatwick is big enough". The second most popular was "Climate Change is real we must act like it is".

We went there because we believe most people now understand enough about climate change to know we must urgently reduce emissions if we are to prevent our planet becoming uninhabitable.

This snapshot of Gatwick passenger opinion indicates that there is no demand for expanding air traffic with it's associated emissions. People actually don't want more choice and cheaper flights at the expense of the myriad consequences associated with increased greenhouse gas emissions such as flooding, famine, rising sea levels and mass extinction of plant and animal species unable to adapt to rapid changes in climate.

Stickers

1 = 11 = 3.3%

2 = 2 = 0.6%

3 = 6 = 1.8%

4 = 5 = 1.5%

5 = 8 = 2.3%

6 = 22 = 6.6%

7 = 123 = 36.8%

8 = 24 = 7.2%

9 = 41 = 12.3%

10 = 92 = 27.5%

Total = 334

1-4 = 7.2%

5-10 = 92.8%

1-5 = 9.6%

6-10 = 90.4%







