

My name is Sally Parker, and I am speaking on behalf of myself and my family, as residents of Redhill.

Gatwick has described its Northern runway project as low impact, but I believe it will have a **high and negative impact on the local area**. As well as the impact of construction, the local community will be left with more **noise and air pollution, increased water demand** from the airport in an area predicted to become water stressed, and **increased sewage** into an already struggling system, adversely affecting our local river, the Mole. Around Redhill, we will see an **increase in traffic** on our busy and frequently congested roads, especially the M23 and M25. **Our trains and railway stations will become even busier** with air passengers, often with large suitcases and other luggage, and we could see a **reduction in rail services** to Redhill if more Gatwick Express trains run. Good and accessible rail services are very important for Redhill. A projected rise to **75 million passengers a year is a massive increase**, and they will all need to travel on the existing road and rail networks.

These are **significant local impacts** which will be with us permanently.

In addition to this, I believe it would be wrong to approve this expansion at a time of **Climate crisis**. Even since we made our submissions to this process last year, we have seen record breaking global and ocean temperatures, mass coral bleaching, devastating floods in Kenya this week, and here one of the wettest winters on record. Government policy on climate change now seems out of step with the speed of the climate crisis and we urgently need to consider the wisdom and morality of approving projects such as this which will increase carbon emissions.

Thank you.