

As a local resident (Cophorne), Gatwick is mine and many others gateway to to the world. The airport has seen great improvements in the last 10-15 years, and this must continue so that it remains a world-class airport for the area. Gatwick's connectivity is a major driving force in the economic prosperity of southeastern England. With further expansion of the reserve runway brings challenges of course, but the benefits massively outweigh the challenges. The main challenge are likely ecological & noise-related. In terms of noise, the vast majority of people living on the flight paths of Gatwick have moved here knowing the airport exists, and so must accept that changes & expansion is always likely (I moved from East Grinstead, and work night shift, so plane noise is to be expected). This is always taken into account when planning flight times. Ecological challenges are catered for with sustainable developments, green initiatives & ever improving fuel efficient planes. I firily believe Gatwick is one of the greenest major airports in the world, and long may that continue. Finally, the Gatwick development brings vast employment opportunities to the area, which are badly needed. I hope these developments go ahead, and soon. Otherwise, the area risks being left behind in terms of being an effective, world-class airport.

Regards