

12th August 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

Have you say - Gatwick Airport New Runway Planning Application

Ebernoe parish sits within the South Downs National Park and is of historic importance, concerns have been expressed that this has not been addressed and that there are still shortcomings in the process.

Gatwick airport must support the 0.5 decibel reduction every year in the noise envelope, as proposed by PINS (proposed at ISH9).

We would like a Carbon Cap (ISH9) to ensure that the airport's emissions are controlled and that they do reduce carbon (greenhouse gases), such as waste transportation to third party incinerators, and increase in flights to and from the airport.

The lack of air quality monitoring is also of concern, these air quality standards need to be legally binding in the DCO and the DCO should have stringent mandatory targets that must be met by the airport with two runways.

The airspace is not big enough, as submitted by Easy Jet and British Airways RR, this airspace needs modernisation to allow for the increase in flights from two runways and should have been included in this application and not as part of a parallel process.

Congested ground transport – Gatwick has still not addressed the lack of comprehensive data encompassing all times of operations, such as early morning. It is also reliant upon third parties to provide services, without providing any adequate funding to facilitate sustainable transport modes. Other areas of concern include waste water flooding – the DCO needs to include a mandatory on-site wastewater sewerage treatment plant, to prevent local homes being flooded with sewerage due to no provision by Thames Water; the lack of affordable homes and amenities has not been fully examined or considered (CAGNE submission REP 1-149). Due to low employment in the area there is likely to be a inward migration of workers including for the construction industry, for example, some on minimum wage and therefore unable to use expensive public transport and will seek to live locally in rented accommodation which is in short supply and not cheap. This will exacerbate the existing housing shortage and will necessitate the setting up of a Housing Fund (ISH9). The Community Fund also needs to be updated as it has set criteria which do not include areas of impact.

This will also lead to an increase in waste so there needs to be accountability as to the amount of waste for disposal, how it will be transported and to where.

There should be full and meaningful compensation for all residents impacted by both a new runway and the increase in traffic on the main runway, including outside of the current .contour of consideration. Safeguards also need to be in place to protect residents as there appears to be a serious lack of detail on what odours will be generated by alternative fuels to meet decarbonising requirements.

Overall we do not support the building of this new runway as does not comply with 'Beyond the Horizons – Making the Best Use of Existing Runways' and the DCO has not adequately addressed the issues above, due to the airport 'not accepting' any alternative viewpoint.

Yours faithfully

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