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I remain strongly opposed to the construction of the new northern runway for the following reasons:

The applicant has failed to reassure residents who already suffer from unacceptable levels of noise from low-flying aircraft that their lives will not be even more seriously affected.

The applicant has failed to demonstrate how the matter of increased waste water and sewage will be dealt with. This is VITAL as Gatwick is an area prone to flooding and where untreated sewage discharge into the River Mole and other local water courses is already intolerable. Just how will extra waste be dealt with if the existing sewer network is already only too often overwhelmed.

There will inevitably be a large increase in waste material from extra food outlets and from in-flight catering. It has not been demonstrated just how this material will be transported from the airport and to where.

The building of the runway would necessitate the inward migration of many workers. Where will these people be housed? There is already a shortage of affordable housing and pressure on the Green Belt. It seems that this has not been considered.

And it seems to have been forgotten that Gatwick Airport itself is in the Green Belt and in close proximity to Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. These are designations not just to protect the landscape but to provide people with areas of tranquillity and beauty essential to mental health.

It also seems to have been forgotten that we are committed to reducing our carbon footprint. How does creating a new runway fit in with this?

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