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To: Gatwick Airport
Subject: Gatwick Airport New Runway Planning Application

I am writing to register my concern at the current planning application for the new runway at Gatwick Airport.

The current scheme presents many challenges to those living in the area but in particular, my immediate concerns would be:

1. Housing & Amenities (ISH9 Housing Fund) – there has not been enough consideration given to affordable housing and amenities. With the anticipated increase in migration of workers, the local area and infrastructure would be massively impacted. We are already facing a significant housing shortage (affordable and otherwise), let alone the lack of schools, healthcare, general amenities and corresponding infrastructure. There should be a housing fund to assist the volume of construction workers that will inevitably migrate to the area to build a new runway, hotels, office and road infrastructure.
2. Aircraft Noise (ISH90) – there must be support and commitment to the 0.5 decibel reduction year on year, as proposed by PINS (proposed at ISH9). If Gatwick is unable to commit to this, they can't realistically believe that aircraft will get quieter, as detailed in the Environmental Statement Addendum Updated Case Aircraft Fleet Report Book (05/05/2024). It goes without saying that there must also be a night ban for flying in order to minimise the impact to residents within the noise envelope.
3. Airspace is not big enough – Easyjet and BA have both acknowledged that the airspace needs modernisation to allow for the increased flight traffic that 2 runways would generate. This absolutely should have been included in this application, as Gatwick are progressing this in parallel.

Regards

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