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My Interested Party Ref 20043401

Dear Sirs

Fellow objectors to Gatwick's Plan to increase capacity by using it's Emergency Runway have regularly and eloquently made clear why this blatant gamble for increased profits, dressed up as a vital requirement of the flying public which will bring so many benefits to our area, should be stopped in its tracks !

I live in Crowborough which is unfortunately under the current Arrivals Swathe when aircraft are landing in a westerly direction - unfortunately about 60% of the time. My main concern is the noise their plan will bring above our heads all day and increasingly at night.

Since I became an "Interested Party" in 2013 I have continually asked the Flight Path Designers to elevate the altitude of approaching aircraft. Stay higher longer in other words.

Everytime I have been told that any such elevation would not be feasible until the "redesign of South East Airspace" is carried out! Now, alongside Gatwick's expansion plans that very Redesign is happening.

If Gatwick are permitted to proceed with their expansion plan the elevation of altitudes flown (except in emergencies obviously) becomes even more important for the sanity of those whose lives will suffer the extra blight of jets overhead every 2 1/2 minutes!

Please could you assure me that within the Airspace Redesign Plans process there will indeed be an effort made to raise altitudes flown as jets fly the more direct routes into Gatwick - whether to two runways or one. I see no mention of this happening in any of the paperwork I am sent.

In closing, whilst I appreciate that this issue is not directly to do with the Planning Application Process it is most certainly to do with slightly ameliorating the terrible effects on our lives if this Application is approved. As such I hope you will consider my comments appropriate.

Any suggestions you may have regarding a contact I could use to further push my point would be very much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Charles Dobson