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To: Gatwick Airport
Subject: Application for new runway and further development of Gatwick Airport

To Whom it May Concern:

There has been a problem trying to complete the online form for comments about the plan for a new runway and further development at Gatwick Aiport.

I am totally against a second runway for a number of reasons:

1. Gatwick have gradually been moving the landing/take off routes further north than they used to be. This is causing a great deal more noise and much, much louder noise in the Smallfield area, especially the Southern half of Smallfield. For us personally, the aircraft are either going directly over our house and garden, or going a few yards into the field opposite. To think that, not only will we have to live with the current increased noise levels, but we will have the addition of the same amount of noise on the northern side of the property as well.
2. There are a large number of listed properties of great historical importance in the Gatwick area that will be destroyed, should the development take place. There are also a number of ancient woods which should be preserved, not destroyed.
3. The infrastructure is totally inadequate to take such an enormous increase in traffic, both on the local roads and the railway. There are already frequent delays on the M23 with traffic queuing up to get onto the slipway to Gatwick. The London to Brighton mainline railway is already at capacity, crowding being exacerbated by the huge number of passengers using the trains to go to and from Gatwick. This is particularly difficult during rush hour periods. The proposals put forward would not alleviate this sufficiently.
4. The area has a very low level of unemployment and workers would therefore have to be shipped in from elsewhere. This would create a lot of additional development for housing/ schooling/ doctor surgeries etc. in an area where housing development has far exceeded desirable levels. This would have a detrimental effect on villages in the local areas.
5. Reading through the papers issued for the development at Gatwick, there are also a number of items that have not been sufficiently accommodated in the applications e.g. waste disposal, flooding in the nearby areas.
6. To more than double the number of flights to and from Gatwick would create a huge carbon footprint and cannot be justified. When there is already an airport with easy access to London etc. at Stansted, that is working at a much lower capacity than that already available there, it is totally wrong to be considering creating this eco-unfriendly carbon footprint.

It is my belief that the plans submitted for Gatwick Airport are a total disaster for not only the immediate areas near the airport, but for a very large number of other villages that will have their lives ruined due to the noise created from the changes in flying routes across Sussex etc.

Yours sincerely,

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