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To: Gatwick Airport
Subject: Gatwick's plan to utilise the Northern Runway is a good plan

Hi,

I worked at Gatwick for 26 years and the use of the Northern Runway would improve Departures and Landings without doubt. I live in Crawley and whenever there is an aborted landing, 90% of those that do a go-round are Easyjet. The reason I know this is because when aircraft take off in a westerly direction and the departing aircraft move onto the Runway to prepare for departure, they may be there longer than expected as they go through their checks. When this happens and there is an inbound aircraft on approach and they see that the outbound aircraft hasn't taken off, they take steps to abort landing and do a go-round.

I've lived in my home for 36 years and in that time I've seen 100's of aircraft on a go-round whenever there is a Westerly take-off, because they fly over my house going east so that they can get back in a slot to land. Am I bothered about it, no not in the slightest because the safety of the Aircraft, Crew and Passengers is paramount.

If the Northern Runway was given approval and the smaller aircraft were able to land and take off on it, the amount of overshoots would be vastly reduced as congestion on the current single runway would be vastly reduced.

I've seen all the literature that Gatwick has shared with the Public on-line and I believe that Southern England needs the Northern Runway to be approved as a priority. They have Road & Rail networks in place to cover both of the terminals in the short term as well as plans they have for improvements to the infrastructure that are required for the Project to meet the demands of the future.

Kind Regards Geoff