

Objections to Gatwick Airport's proposed 2nd Runway

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I wish to object to Gatwick airport's application for a DCO in relation to a second runway, for the following reasons:-

- **Aircraft noise:** Currently intolerable & will be much worse with 2nd runway, unacceptable, newer aircraft seem to be just as noisy, Emirates A-380 flights deafening! Aircraft noise is much more intrusive in rural locations than in cities/towns.
- **Climate change/air pollution:** Increased emissions, pollution and damage to the environment. No current prospect of low-emission aircraft, e.g. electric.
- **Obligations on noise and air pollution reduction:** Legally binding obligations on Gatwick to reduce noise and air pollution year-on-year must be made conditional in any DCO.
- **Inadequate transport links to/from enlarged airport:** London-Brighton and Reading Gatwick trains already often overcrowded. M23/M25 and major roads already running close to capacity.
- **How will Gatwick's additional employees needed be absorbed into local communities?** Low employee salaries, but expensive housing in South East. Where will new housing be built? What about their travel requirements to/from Gatwick? Where are the additional shops, medical facilities, schools for their children, etc? There is already a huge problem with water supplies and adequate sewage facilities for nearby Horsham.
- **Impact on the Surrey Hills AONB:** Parts of the AONB will suffer significantly from noise and air pollution. This will affect not only local residents, but also the countless walkers, hikers and lovers of the countryside who use the AONB.
- **More communities overflowed:** Expanded flight traffic resulting from 2nd runway will impact ever more communities. Is there enough airspace over Surrey/Sussex to safely accommodate all these flights, particularly in view of future increases in flights?
- **Compensation for impacted residents:** All residents adversely impacted by 2nd runway flights and additional flights using the main runway must be properly and fairly compensated in full for losses incurred of all types, including diminution in value of their homes and reduction in quality of life due to noise, pollution, etc.