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I am firmly against the Safety Runway at Gatwick used as a second runway. This has been Govt. refused for all sorts of reasons once. This is a back-door way of trying to get it through again, without actually needing full planning permission. The amount of air traffic flying over my home is Southborough very low and loud, well into night - up to 3.00 am, and then resuming 5.30/6.00 is affecting my quality of life, sleep and intruding on our towns and villages in this area. Gatwick, as they did last time, put out these consultations during the summer months in the hope that people won't see/have time to write

I believe that Gatwick have decreased their air in-roads into the airport, so that we have more and more traffic flying over the village, but Gatwick say that's for operational reasons', as with night flights. They can do pretty much what they like it seems with this ploy. It is not just Southborough affected - SpsIdhurst, Penshurst, Leigh, Fordcombe, Hever, Edenbridge and others are too.

If Gatwick get this through we could see an increase of 40% of flights (since 2019) - 100,000 extra flights with no additional night restrictions from 2025 onwards. They have plans to start asap.

Gatwick is, of course, convenient, and we all use, but..... we are in an AONB area and we are being blighted by more and more noise and pollution from the air. Gatwick say it will increase jobs, but at what cost! It won't be just using the case of using the Safety run-way, there will be the need for additional terminal buildings, etc., etc. without the infrastructure to go with it. M25 is constantly blocked/train services pretty non-existent. Where/how is all the additional traffic going to go, and what airspace are they going to use. Our villages.....