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Sent: 20 August 2024 20:34
To: Gatwick Airport
Subject: Gatwick Airport Consultation

Hello,

I am writing to confirm Hever Parish Council, elected to represent 1200 residents, strongly object to the planned Gatwick expansion and wish to make an overall comment on the DCO process to date. The impact on health and damage to the environment, including the protected AONB landscape and heritage attractions, would be extensive and would like to make the following comments:

- As the application is for a new runway, (ISH1) it does not comply with policy; 'Beyond the Horizons – Making Best Use of Existing Runways'.
- HPC do not support the building of this new runway as the DCO has not adequately addressed the following issues, due to Gatwick Airport 'not accepting' any alternative viewpoint.
- (ISH9)- Gatwick Airport's emissions must be controlled and reduce carbon (greenhouse gases) at the airport. Scope 3 emissions must be included in the cap, such as waste transportation to third party incinerators, and increase in flights to and from the airport.
- As proposed by PINS (at ISH9) HPC support the 0.5 decibel reduction every year in the noise envelope. There should be a ban on night flights to reduce the impact of sleep interruption and on health for the many people who are affected by aircraft noise.
- Airspace is not big enough to accommodate the increase, as submitted by EasyJet and British Airways. The modernisation of airspace should have been included in this application and not separately.
- Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (ANOB) and of historic importance have not been addressed.
- There should be full and meaningful compensation for all residents impacted by both a new runway and the increase in traffic on the main runway, including outside of the current contour of consideration. (Insulation – (ISH9) .
- Hugely congested surface transport systems has not been addressed. There is a lack of data covering all times of operations (such as early mornings) and reliance on third parties to provide services without indication of how sustainable transport modes will be offered or funded.
- Stringent mandatory targets must be set for air quality (ISH9) that must be met by the airport with two runways.
- A mandatory onsite wastewater sewerage treatment plant must be included, to prevent local homes being flooded with sewerage.
- The lack of affordable housing and amenities has not been fully examined or considered. It is not acceptable for Gatwick to dismiss this, as a huge inward migration of workers will impact the existing housing shortage, as well as lack of schools, healthcare and amenities. There should be a housing fund to assist with the volume of construction workers that will migrate to the area to build the new runway, hotels, offices, and road.

- Inward Migration of Workers – (ISH9 Housing Fund) there is extremely low unemployment locally, so a new runway would necessitate an inward migration of workers. Most of these workers will be on minimum wage, so they will not use expensive public transport and will seek to live locally in rented accommodation which is in short supply and not cheap.
- Significant Increase in Waste – (ISH9) There must be accountability in how much waste will be transported on our roads, and to where.
- The Community Fund – (ISH9) needs review as it has set criteria that do not include areas of impact. It currently focuses on media opportunity events and charities, so does not reflect the impact the airport currently has on communities.
- Odours – (ISH9) Safeguards need to be in place to protect residents as there is a serious lack of detail on what odours will be generated by alternative fuels to meet decarbonising requirements

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Regards,



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