

From: Richard Ewbank
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 9:41 PM
To: Gatwick Airport <gatwickairport@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Subject: DCO response

Interested Party Reference Number 20043700

I have submitted a response but, as a lay person, it was not clear to me which box I needed to tick. I therefore repeat the reasons here for my objection to Gatwick's application:

It understates the amount of noise pollution and impact of night flights; It understates the amount of air pollution both from the increased flights and the higher raid traffic levels; It does not deal with the massive increase in greenhouse gas emissions that will be caused by the increased flight numbers at a time when it is acknowledged by government that greenhouse gases must be reduced to fight climate change; It overstates the economic benefits the second runway would bring when in fact the damage done to the local area from higher traffic, strains on housing etc would be severe.

I urge you strongly to reject the application.

Yours faithfully,
Richard Ewbank

As a lay person I am not sure if I have clicked the correct box but I want to make general comments about Gatwick's application to convert its emergency runway to a 2nd runway. I believe Gatwick's application should be refused as:

- It underplays the impact on the local area of noise and night flights;
- It underplays the impact of the increase in air pollution from flights and higher traffic levels;
- It will massively increase the greenhouse gas emissions due to all the extra flights at a time when these emissions need to be reduced to slow climate change;
- Their projections of economic benefit to the local area are overstated. If successful it will rather damage the local area through higher traffic levels and housing shortages