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Sent: 21 August 2024 11:18
To: Gatwick Airport
Cc: Stephen Burns
Subject: Shortfalls in the Northern Runway planning process

Dear Planning Inspector,

We do not accept the repurposing and massive expansion of the Northern Runway at Gatwick Airport because the Development Consent Order does not adequately address what we believe is the need for:

- a mandatory carbon cap, including for Scope 3 emissions, to ensure that these changes do not result in a big growth in carbon emissions at or associated with Gatwick Airport, even when its waste is no longer dealt with onsite but transported to offsite incinerators and there is a substantial growth in air traffic
- a mandatory annual 0.5 decibel reduction in aircraft noise, and a ban on night flights. We live in Southborough, west Kent, which is under the flight path. To make this acceptable to local communities, ongoing reductions in noise are very important, and must be delivered
- legally binding air quality standards with stringent mandatory targets, to avoid impacting the health of local communities, particularly children and older people. London has demonstrated the positive impacts on people's health of taking air quality seriously. Gatwick must do the same
- mandatory protection from odours for local people, including from alternative fuels
- an onsite wastewater treatment plant, to deal with all wastewater flows from the airport if Thames Water facilities fail. This will remove the risk of local homes being flooded with sewage which is clearly wholly unacceptable. We appreciate there has been a proposal on this by Gatwick Airport this year but it should definitely be incorporated into the Development Consent Order, as this risk must be designed out of the plans
- proper consideration of and funding for a solution to the housing needs of temporary workers which does not impact the local, overheated, housing market that already disadvantages young people in this area.

We also believe that:

- the issue of how the airspace is used should be part of this application and not separate from it - we strongly object to Gatwick's proposals on this
- there should be full and meaningful compensation for all residents impacted by the changes to the Northern Runway and by the increase in air traffic overall, and this should be for a wider area than currently proposed
- there should be accountability on how much waste is transported by road and to where.

Thank you for taking account of our views.

Yours sincerely
Emma and Stephen Burns