

I protest at the possibility of a new runway at Gatwick Airport (GA) at least for the following reasons, which have not been considered or engaged in the application by GA.

Where I live in Reigate, aircraft noise is a massive problem and nuisance. As it stands, I support the PIN proposal in ISH9 of an annual 0.5dB reduction in the noise envelope. This has not been engaged by GA probably because they don't intend to. There also needs to be a ban on night flights as these are so disruptive to sleep, rest and health.

There has been no consideration for the need for airspace modernisation which would be required to cater for the increase in flights not only of a new runway, but also the existing main runway. I am informed this is being considered by GA outside the remit of the present application, an evasive and deceitful act designed to soften the application.

There has not been detailed consideration of the contingent consequences and costs of the 'new' runway, in particular who would provide and pay for new and updated ground transport links to and from the airport. Presumably, GA think that is the taxpayers problem, notwithstanding the environmental impact of these requirements. At present the road and railways system are not functioning to an acceptable standard in this overcrowded part of the country.

There would also be a need for even greater numbers of homes and services for the large influx of workers needed for construction and maintenance of the larger airport, which is particularly disturbing as we have little need for employment for local people. Also, large parts of the area effected this ill considered application are in 'area's of outstanding natural beauty'