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RE: TR020005 Gatwick Airport Northern Runway Project

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Dear Sirs

I wish to express my continued objections to the expansion plans of London Gatwick.

Gatwick Airport Limited have a very idealistic approach to convert the emergency runway and say they will simply moving it 12 metres to allow for a two runway operation. This clearly does not comply with 'Beyond the horizon the future of UK aviation – making best use of existing runways'. Gatwick Airport Limited should always have presented this as a project to build a new runway with all the associated regulations.

The infrastructure surrounding Gatwick is totally inadequate to support this 2nd runway expansion. The consequences are devastating for local communities where roads, rail networks, schools, hospitals, social and support services are already overloaded with no real prospect of planned improvements over these coming years.

I feel the environmental issues such as noise, air quality and carbon emissions have not been adequately addressed by Gatwick Airport Limited throughout this planning process.

Emissions from aviation are a significant contributor to climate change. It is not acceptable that Gatwick monitor air quality - stringent mandatory targets must be in place.

The modernisation of airspace must be a consideration when taking into account the 70% increase in passenger numbers, an expected 35% increase in aircraft movements and an increase of nearly 100% in cargo traffic.

Night flights are a particular issue – already this year there is a marked increase in flights from 5 am to 6 am resulting in very disturbed sleep. A clear cut night ban should be in place if permission granted to expand.

Waste water is another contentious issue. Gatwick Airport Limited must ensure there is an on site waste water sewerage treatment plant. This area is known for flooding and without this plant local homes are at risk of flooding.

This has been a long hard process, with so many people giving up so much of their valuable time to try to ensure Gatwick Airport Ltd stands up to its legal obligations in their expansion programme that is clearly for a 2nd Runway at London Gatwick and not just an extension of the Emergency Runway.

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