

On behalf of the Woldingham Association, an organisation that was set up over 100 years ago to promote and conserve the character of Woldingham and its surrounding countryside, I would like to place on record my continuing objection to the construction of a second runway at Gatwick Airport for the following reasons:

I do not believe that the project has been thought through to completion and the consequences should it gain approval. Given the concern over the increase in global warming and the contribution that aviation contributes to global emissions I believe it is more than likely that within the next 10 to 15 years the UK Government and most likely those of other developed countries will apply strict measures on those organisations responsible for carbon-intensive activities such as aviation which will require a reduction of aircraft movements.

If approved, when is the second runway likely to be in service say 10 to 15 years? If this assumption is correct as well as that in the preceding paragraph, then a second runway will become surplus to requirements!

I understand that the CAA is currently in the process of deciding whether to approve the proposed changes to UK air space which could impact the number flights that can use the airport at any one time. Should discussions be put on hold? Many other negative factors have already been well aerated including noise, a deterioration in air quality, a plan for the increase traffic, waste management, housing, the list goes on.