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To the Planning Inspectorate

On a tour of Gatwick Airport I was told that:-

'Gatwick Airport and the surrounding area is situated under the busiest air space in the world.'

Their words not mine. Agreement to a second runway would therefore only intensify the pressure and health and safety issues in this already overused air space.

The extra flights that a second runway will enable will further compromise the air quality in the surrounding area. It is not enough for Gatwick to say they will 'monitor' the air quality there should be stringent mandatory targets that must be met by an airport with two runways.

As a nearby resident who is frequently awoken by the noise from persistent night flights currently allowed to and from Gatwick, I would like to know what restrictions will be placed on further night flights (if the runway is allowed) to protect resident's sleep from further disruption and disturbance particularly during the Summer months?

How are Gatwick proposing to protect the surrounding ANOB from the impact and damage that increased flights and the building of the required infrastructure will inflict upon the area?

A second runway will require more staff and construction workers to build the infrastructure. Where will they reside? Currently the South East is 'buckling' under an increased population. There is a lack of dentists, doctors, school places, affordable houses and affordable rents. And any increase in building puts pressure on an already fragile ANOB which is being continually compromised for new builds.

I ask you not to allow the adoption of a second runway, overall it will lessen the quality of life for residents. Their mental health due to the increase of noise will suffer and the general health of residents from worsening air quality that must follow an increase in flights and journeys to and from the airport will worsen.

As we begin to seriously feel the impact of climate change across the world, to allow the adoption of a second runway at Gatwick which can only add to the problem would seem to be madness. Please on this occasion don't let economics override what is a detrimental step for climate change.

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