

Over 100k extra flights day and night will add significantly to noise disturbance and reduction in air quality to the detriment of health and wellbeing. Extra passenger and freight numbers will add to traffic on unsuitable local roads and on a motorway already considered unsafe. Proof of the recent survey for a garden village of 2000 properties proved that the local road infrastructure is just not capable of tackling the extra traffic flow and a large number of commuters to the airport use the A23 and A22. A single rail line will be expected to take 32 million extra passengers, how is this possible when people are already herded in as cattle to the train services. The area has almost full employment. The influx of workers will add to pressure on transport, housing and infrastructure. The area is already suffering loss of greenbelt and land and a shortage of services such as school and GP places due to new housing and there is already a lack of affordable homes. Existing problems with flooding and sewage disposal in the area will be exacerbated, currently a number of roads flood regularly from the persistent rains that climate change has already brought to the UK and this is expected to get worse, drainage is already at capacity. There will be an unacceptable loss of precious nature and biodiversity and we need to be protecting these systems. Some of our local heritage sites and buildings already suffer from the noise and vibrations caused by the aircraft, we must preserve this history if we want to continue to enjoy their presence and the tourism. The noise levels will increase significantly for some local towns and villages who are within a 30 mile radius, some of these planes bank over property and the noise and vibrations affect homes and will only add further strain to the NHS. The Heathrow expansion was put in place to take up the additional demand so there is absolutely no reason to add the additional runway at Gatwick until this has been implemented and there is then further evidence to suggest a further runway is required. The proposals are totally at odds with the Government's Net Zero agenda and what the local people and councils want. Furthermore in reality there has been no consultation directly with all the local towns and villages, what has been completed is a very brief and limited information strategy as to avoid local residents. Very few people know of this proposal. I would welcome a poll that each local authority associated with the proposal conducts that is advertised and open to all residents and businesses to get a true reflection of the thoughts on this proposal.