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FAO Louise Haigh

I note you are now Secretary of State for Transport.

Firstly, congratulations on this role. I hope you prove to be somewhat more switched on than the previous Government in this area!

I'm contacting you as a bit of a plea really in respect of the proposed 2nd runway at Gatwick Airport.

The house my parents bought in the 1970s, my childhood home from that time until the early 2000s and where my parents - still live, has almost been totally ignored by the planners for the new runway.

Their house is only a couple of hundred metres from the end of the runway - see attached screenshots. They are - by far - the closest dwelling to the end of the runway. If the new runway is approved that will mean a runway only 150 metres or so from my parent's house, with planes taking off it's already loud but any change closer and this will become both unbearable and unliveable. Noting my parents have been here since 1979 runway decision. Its currently only an 'emergency' runway very, very rarely used as a new one.

Incredibly when Gatwick started to do the testing/planning for the new runway not only did they completely omit my parents house from any noise testing, they've completely ignored it full stop when submitting their application. My parents had to actually contact Gatwick (not the other way around) and someone has now, at last, been to visit but say they will not comment further until after a decision is made at the end of November. When they visited my parents it was clear they'd done NO testing re: noise issues - using a test which was much, much further from the runway (like a mile further away) so they have seemingly deliberately omitted my parents house in order to try and get runway approval, as this effectively at best inaccurate - and at worst and more likely deliberate - fraudulent data. It's clear they had no idea my parents house existed - suggesting a completely wrong location when they submitted their data readings!!!

If the new runway is approved, it will make my parents house both unliveable and also virtually unsellable - and with zero effort at all from Gatwick regarding compensation or compulsory purchase. It's extraordinary. As I say, my parents and cannot live in that house if the new runway is approved. No-one would want to live there!


Gatwick even suggested temporary accommodation for my parents while they build the runway while they do the work/move the existing soundbarrier.

So, when deciding on Gatwick 2nd runway this is a huge thing - and Gatwick have been incredibly aloof and disappointingly inaccurate and for the most part uncontactable regarding this.

All our local councils are against the building of any 2nd runway - we don't need it and we should be limiting air travel not extending it. Please take this into consideration.

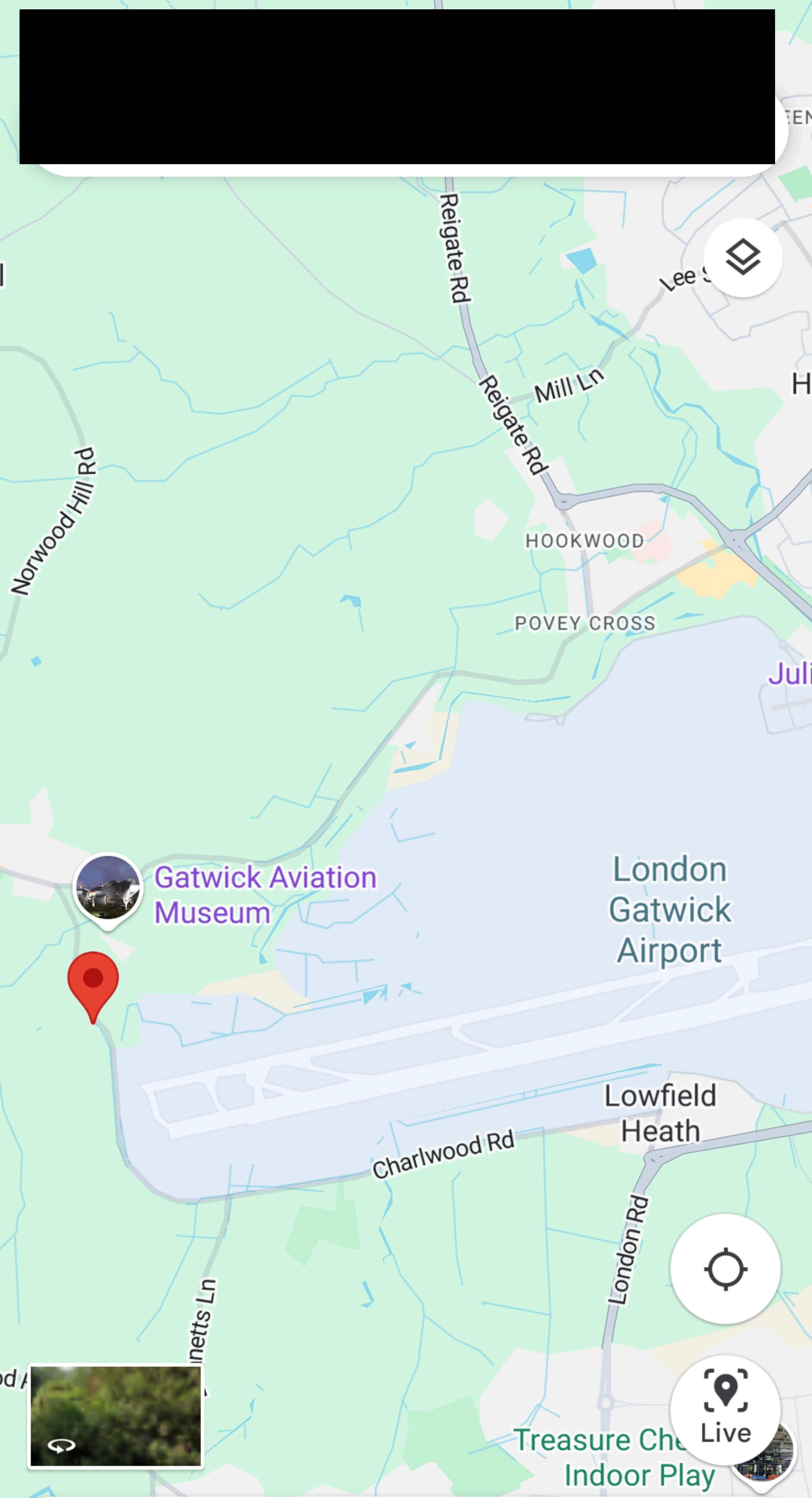
Thank you for listening (and sorry to rant but Gatwick have NOT done their bit whatsoever and I had to make you aware how disappointed we all are with Gatwick so far).

Kind Regards

Simon Holmes 


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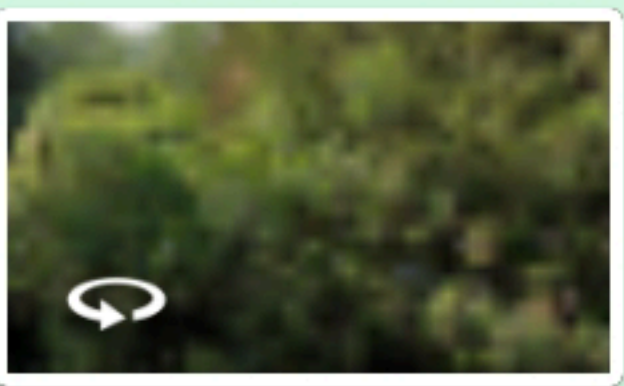
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