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Hi

I submitted a representation in October 2023 in respect of my elderly parents house at the end of the non-terminal end of Gatwick runway. They have lived in the house – only a few metres from the existing big green sound barrier) since the 1970s and will be (and were always going to be) the house MOST impacted by moving/changing the emergency runway/taxiway. I lived in this house myself from 1979 to 2001.

The only visit they had from the airport was in late summer of 2024 – instigated by my parents I should add. The noise readings were NOT taken at my parents' house when originally submitted, and even noted a location much further away. Its like the Airport have completely forgotten – or deliberately ignored - about them and the house (which again I stress is under 200 metres from the end of the existing runway – and the new runway will be even closer). The airport have generally shown no due care or attention here. I've attached a pin to my parent's house location on the attached email too ([REDACTED] [REDACTED] To have 'missed it' during the original submission is completely appalling.

I'm so disappointed at Gatwick's failure of contact with my parents and then for it to have been so poor when they did. The lack of care and respect has been shocking thus far, and extremely unfair on my parents. I have had no option other than to contact the MP (see attached).

Contact me if you need to on the below or the email addresses above. We've been great neighbours to Gatwick during the past 50 years – but please sort this mess out.

Thanks
Simon Holmes (son)
[REDACTED]

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From:



Subject:

FW: Gatwick Airport - 2nd runway issue (house only 200m from current runway!)

Hi Heidi

With the ongoing consultation in respect of the 'potential' new 2nd runway being built at Gatwick (there ISN'T a current runway, they're making a new one even closer than the current emergency one!), I sent the below email to Louise Haigh back in October. She has since resigned from her position so I'm forwarding to you.

Please note the contents and the attached. The airport have completely bodged this up from a residential point of view, particularly in respect of my parents house which is the closest house – by far – to the end of the runway and will be most affected by any change to the existing layout at Gatwick.

We're so very disappointed by the airport thus far. They've omitted the house from their noise readings, didn't even visit them until late summer 2024. It's just been shambolic. They're in their late 70s and this has been so very unfair on them.

So, please note the content below and the attached and bear this in mind when the decision is made.

Thanks

Simon Holmes (son)

From: Simon Holmes 

Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 11:57:45 AM



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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 - both now late 70s - 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 are [REDACTED] 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.

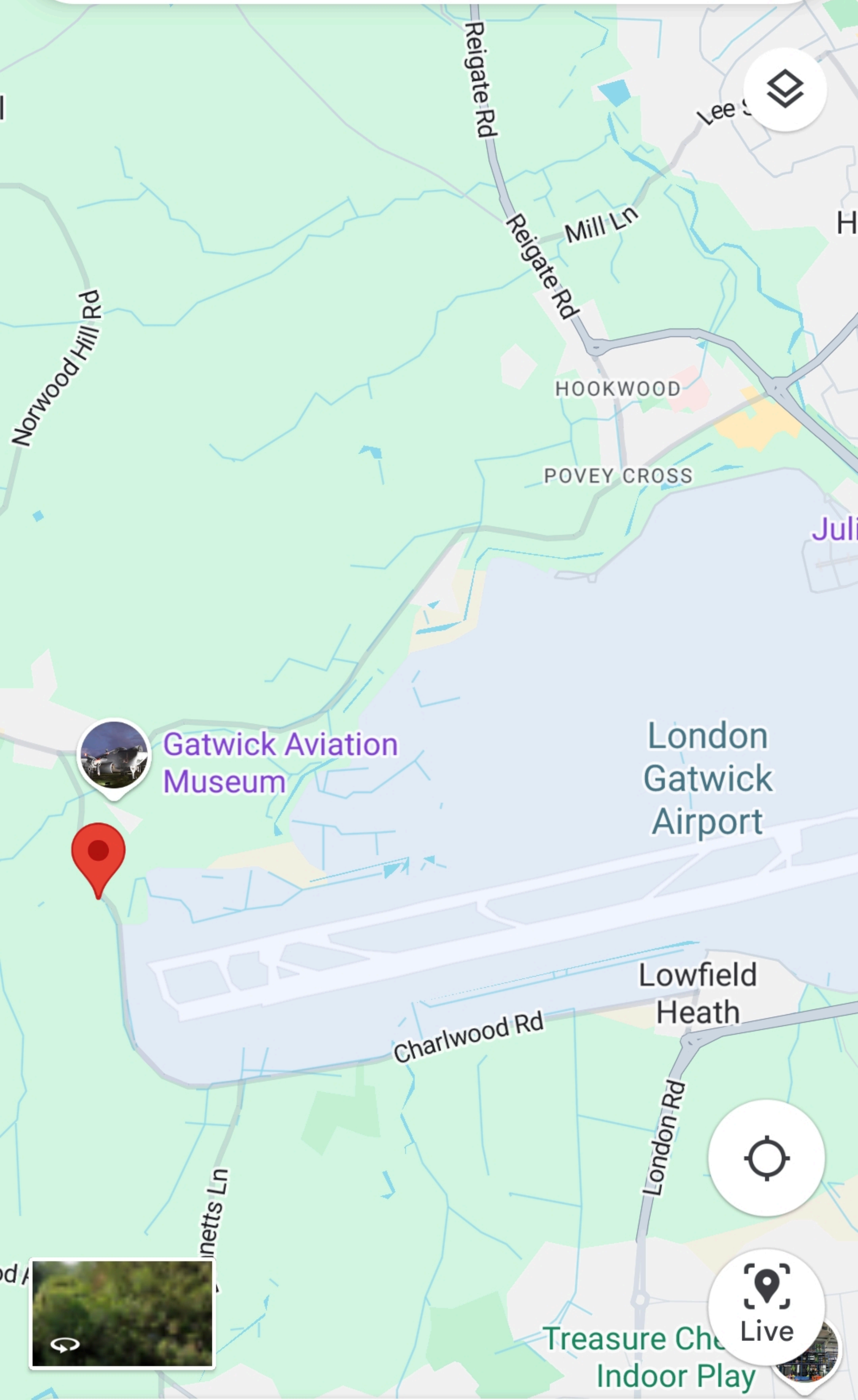
All our local councils are against the building of any 2nd runway - we don't need it and we should be limiting air travel not extending it. Please take this into consideration.

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 (son)

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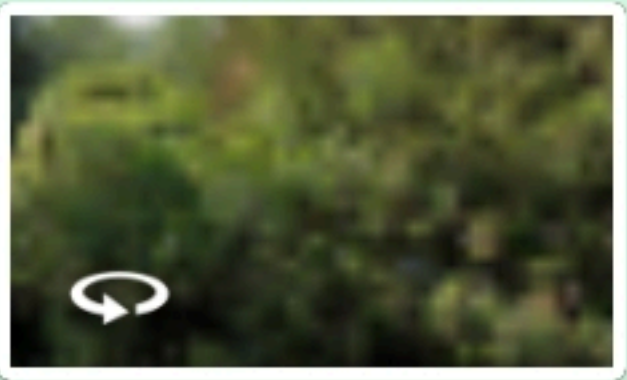


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