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Hello to whom it may concern,

I don't live near Gatwick but I live in Herefordshire. So why am I appealing to you to not give permission for this expansion?

The Gatwick airport in West Sussex hopes to double its capacity to 78 million passengers by making use of its existing northern runway and to me any more aeroplanes in the skies is a not an option that should be considered right now as we are in a climate emergency.

It you look this up it means **a situation in which urgent action is required to reduce or halt climate change and avoid potentially irreversible environmental damage resulting from it.**

I believe millions of people around the world took part in protests against inaction on the climate emergency. [REDACTED]. The world is heading for 2 degrees of warming if we don't do all we can to reduce our emissions as soon as possible. We don't actually have time. There is a climate emergency because our climate is changing faster than nature can adapt to it, including us. We have a limited time to keep global temperatures within a limit that the Earth can recover from, so we have to take action now.

So if this goes ahead it will mean 100,000 extra flights and a million tonnes of extra carbon. Therefore how can chief executive Stewart Wingate say "The northern runway plan will help secure the **long-term future** of the airport and economic prosperity **for thousands of families,** businesses, and **future generations across the region**? More jobs, a huge investment all will risk worsening the future for the next generations and existing generations which will be non reversible.

Has the term 'remaining carbon budget' been understood? It is used to describe the total net amount of CO2 that human activities can still release into the atmosphere while keeping global warming to a specified level, like 1.5°C or 2°C relative to pre-industrial temperatures. The researchers warn that if carbon dioxide emissions remain at 2022 levels of about 40 gigatonnes per year, the carbon budget will be exhausted by around 2029, committing the world to warming of 1.5°C or 2 degrees above preindustrial levels.

I urge you again to not expand any airports!

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