

Re: LGW - Aircraft noise and Expansion plans

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Dear Ms Kane, Mr Haigh and Mr Martin

I am writing as a follow up to my letter of 28th August 2024 below in response to media reports that the government plans to accept Gatwick's plans to expand and use their second runway on a permanent basis.

I implore you in the strongest possible terms reconsider this decision and not allow this expansion to occur. This expansion is totally at odds with the government pledges to act to combat the climate crisis and will create an untenable living situation for the thousands who will be affected by noise and air pollution. I beg you to think of the effect this will have on our children and our planet and not to allow this gross and shameful act of climate vandalism.

Yours

Louisa Macpherson

On 28 Aug 2024, at 20:37, Louisa Macpherson

wrote:

Dear Ms Haigh, Mr. Kane and Mr Martin,

I am writing to complain in the strongest possible terms about the unacceptable noise and disturbance from increased aircraft traffic over my home in , Kent. Nuisance noise from low aircraft frequently disturb my children throughout the night and severely impact our quality of life.

The situation is already dire since the previous government limited restrictions on night flights at London Gatwick. However, I have also been very disturbed to hear that Gatwick has applied to use a second runway. A 70% growth in passengers and 35% increase in aircraft movements will hugely impact the local communities, through increased congestion and aircraft noise. The increased carbon emissions and associated air pollution will dramatically affect those living close to their airport and just cannot be justified in 2024.

At this time of environmental crisis, I ask you to do the right thing and reduce the capacity of all airports, including London Gatwick, for the sake of our children, our health and the communities blighted by aircraft noise. Additionally, a total ban on night flights is an absolute must.

I am very grateful for our consideration of our views in this matter and remain hopeful that you and your colleagues will do everything in your power to avert environmental catastrophe.

Yours

Louisa Macpherson

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