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Dear Louise,

Gatwick Airport Expansion

I am writing to you following a meeting I had with the Campaign to Protect Rural England in relation to the expansion of Gatwick Airport.

In general, I am not against airport expansions and made clear in my DCO submission that it should be Heathrow and London City, both of which benefit from 24 hour transport infrastructure, which should be expanded.

However, following my meeting with the CPRE, I wanted to set out some of my key concerns to you:

- **Non-compliance with policy:** The proposals are not consistent with national aviation policy. Gatwick is described by its owners as a 'single runway' airport so claiming it has two is inappropriate. The Airport's NPS still indicates that any new runway in the south-east should be at Heathrow.
- **Failure to act on climate change advice:** The applicant does not address the need to act on net zero policy as set out in the 'Flightpath to the Future' document.
- **Waste water treatment:** Gatwick has not been clear on the capabilities of any future waste water treatment facility, leading to concerns around flooding linked to intense rainfall events.
- **Audible intrusion:** CPRE is concerned that the modernisation of airspace was not included within the proposals.
- **Air Quality:** The DCO did not set out targets in line with WHO recommendations on air quality.
- **Housing:** Sussex is already under substantial housing pressure. New housing to support a two-runway airport would cause immense damage to the environment and would place significant constraints on already stretched infrastructure.

I would like to align myself with these concerns, and I would be grateful for a response on this matter.

Kind regards,

Andrew Griffith MP