



8 January 2025

Application by Gatwick Airport Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for their Northern Runway Project

Interested Party Reference **GATW-S572584**

Dear Sir/Madam

Strong Objections to this Proposal for the Northern Runway Development

1. Objections to Increasing the Number of Planes Burning of Fossil Fuel and polluting the atmosphere

During all flights of commercial aircraft, significant amounts of fossil fuels are burnt which result in large amounts of carbon dioxide added to the atmosphere. This results in global warming. Currently no alternative fuels are available that. Action is needed to prevent further increases in carbon dioxide etc. The Northern runway project should not be approved whilst aircraft are still polluting the atmosphere with carbon dioxide etc.

Our government has recognised the need to eliminate the burning of fossil fuels in ground vehicles (eg cars and lorries etc) and has issued financial incentives to reduce greenhouse gases. Unfortunately, this has not yet included aircraft movements. Until aircraft are able to use fuels that do not contaminate the atmosphere, I strongly oppose further aircraft movements that result in increased greenhouse gases within our atmosphere.

2. Effects on Local Residents within our Historic Village of Charlwood

The historic village of Charlwood is situated close to west of Gatwick Airport. Charlwood has around 90 grade 1 and 2 listed buildings dating back to around 1100 AD which need protecting. The proposal to demolish the existing taxi way and replace it with the new northern runway closer to Charlwood, will significantly increase the 24 hour noise and pollution for Charlwood residents.

It is also noted that the proposal does not include any noise reduction measures such as noise reduction bunds close to the west end of the proposed runway

As a resident of 50 years in Charlwood, we have noted that flight paths have got closer to our community and appears to encircle much of Charlwood. We now are concerned that the proposed northern runway will further increase the noise levels within our community.

The lack of any agreement for the unnecessary night flights which generate noise at night time is a further problem.

I trust that the above strong objections will be considered carefully

Yours faithfully

Dr Martin Needham