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Dear Secretary of State,

I am writing to express my firm opposition to the proposed expansion at Gatwick Airport. The implications of this application are deeply concerning, particularly regarding noise, environmental impacts, and economic viability.

Noise Mitigation and Compensation

I support your recognition of noise as a significant issue and urge that mitigation measures extend beyond the 54dB daytime and 48dB nighttime thresholds, as noise affects residents well outside these contours. All noise-sensitive properties must be insulated within 12 months. Furthermore, the absence of compensation for loss of property value due to increased aircraft noise must be addressed, ensuring fairness to impacted residents.

Environmental and Sewage Concerns

The responses from Thames Water and the Environment Agency raise grave concerns about the additional sewage burden. With the Crawley and Horley sewage works already flagged as needing upgrades and the River Mole consistently exceeding discharge limits, the current infrastructure cannot support this expansion. Thames Water's inability to meet legal and environmental standards for the River Mole underscores the need for immediate scrutiny.

Protected Landscapes and Light Pollution

The potential impact on Protected Landscapes must be prioritized, per DEFRA guidance. Increased light pollution and aircraft activity are incompatible with the purposes for which these areas are designated. These considerations should play a central role in your decision-making process.

Economic Viability and Surface Access

Gatwick's economic justification is dubious. Without modernized airspace (FASIS), achieving target throughput is unrealistic. Furthermore, the cost of Sustainable Aviation Fuel and recent tax changes will increase ticket prices, likely reducing passenger numbers. Gatwick's reliance on seasonal leisure traffic exacerbates its vulnerability, as demonstrated by its struggles post-COVID.

Surface access remains inadequately addressed. Gatwick's expansion plans rely entirely on third parties for sustainable transport improvements, with no meaningful investment in road or rail infrastructure. The Transport Forum's lack of community involvement is unacceptable and highlights a failure to consider the broader implications of expansion.

Climate Change and Air Quality

The environmental and health impacts of declining air quality and climate change cannot be ignored. The expansion will exacerbate these issues, directly conflicting with national

commitments to sustainability and public health.

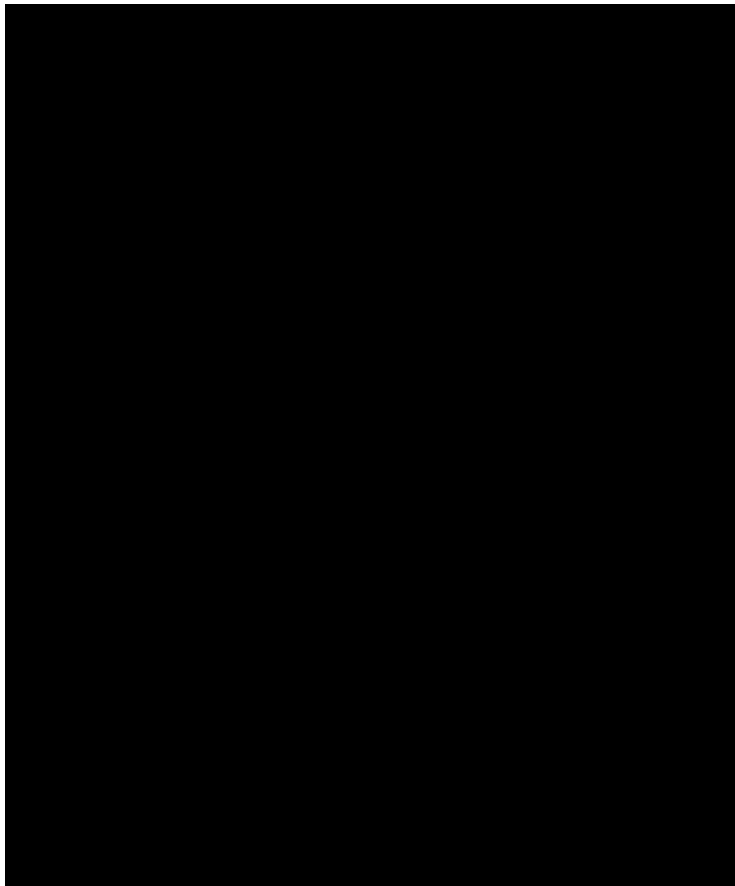
Conclusion

Given these factors—noise, environmental degradation, economic instability, and insufficient infrastructure—I strongly urge you to reject this application. Expansion at Gatwick is not policy-compliant, and the long-term costs far outweigh any purported benefits.

Yours sincerely,

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Interested Party Reference Number: 20045700

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