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Hello

I have been in touch earlier in the planning application process as a local resident and regular user of Gatwick Airport. I see that we are further along in the process now and would like to give my thoughts on the need for a second runway.

I am completely FOR development of the second runway and associated redevelopment as part of the Gatwick Airport infrastructure.

As a resident of Hassocks we sit below the holding stack regularly and I can see the amount of time and fuel spent in keeping aircraft regularly on hold. I have watched aircraft sit in the hold pattern for 3 or 4 rotations and even then they often go towards other towns if the congestion is particularly bad. This surely is worse for the environment than getting aircraft in and out of the airport in a timely and efficient manner, which would surely be the case with long needed improvements carried out.

As a very regular user of Gatwick ( every 2 weeks) I know the frustration that can be caused by delays because of congestion, causing severe knock on effects to the aircrafts' daily schedules.. Gatwick is one of the worst airports for congestion and upon leaving I have very rarely left less than 30 minutes late. The airline and landside operations can manage to get the aircraft off the stand, but the congestion for the Runway is the biggest problem I see, with arriving and departing aircraft vying for fewer and fewer available slots.

It is even the case that when departing a foreign airport, the departure often gets delayed because a landing slot is not available at Gatwick, as inbound aircraft don't really want to sit in the holding stack ( which is often actually unavoidable). My most recent flight departing Bordeaux was ready to go with Doors closed at 06.55, 5 minutes before our departure slot, but we sat on the ground for 20 minutes as Gatwick couldn't handle our scheduled arrival time, upon arrival we still sat in the stack for 15 minutes.

Thankyou for listening to my thoughts as both a local resident AND regular airport user.

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