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Gatwick Airport

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Dear Sir/Madam

As interested parties who live under the flightpath that you narrowed and lied about changing, we would like to pass on our comments regarding your proposal to expand:

We are fully against the expansion of Gatwick Airport. Our relationship with the Airport was damaged after we complained tirelessly about the flightpaths changing and were lied to and told we were imagining things as nothing had changed. Gatwick then finally after years admitted they had changed and narrowed the flight paths. There is zero trust in an organisation only interested in making money and not concerned at all with noise concerns, infrastructure and environmental factors.

In the unlikely situation that the expansion is approved, we fully support the SoS to ensure there are severe strict environment noise and other controls to limit the damage to local overflown communities and wildlife. Specifically, we fully support the EA's noise insulation and surface access proposals

The proposed noise limits, even as amended by the SoS, do not achieve the policy requirements that the benefits of growth that should be shared between the aviation industry and local communities to achieve a balance between growth and noise reduction. To achieve the policy the limits should be reduced further at a pace and to an extent that achieves an actual genuine sharing of the benefits of growth or the government should mandate alternative noise benefits, such as a ban on night flights. In any event expansion should be accompanied by a ban on night flights as mandated for Heathrow.

There should be noise limits for all periods of the year, not just the peak summer period.

There should be a process for renewing noise limits downwards over time. Yours faithfully

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