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Subject: Objection to Gatwick Airport Expansion - Penshurst Resident
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to strongly object to the proposed expansion of Gatwick Airport. As a resident of Penshurst, Kent, I can attest to the already significant noise pollution generated by aircraft, particularly during peak times. Any further expansion would only exacerbate this issue and negatively impact the quality of life for countless individuals and communities in the surrounding areas.

I do not support the expansion of Gatwick Airport. However, should the government decide to approve it despite these concerns, I believe it must be subject to the most stringent environmental, noise, and other controls.

In particular, I wish to express my support for the Environment Agency's (EA) noise insulation and surface access proposals. These measures represent a necessary step in mitigating some of the adverse impacts of airport operations.

However, I am deeply concerned that the proposed noise limits, even as amended by the Secretary of State, fail to adequately address the policy requirement that the benefits of growth should be shared between the aviation industry and local communities, and that a genuine balance should be struck between growth and noise reduction. To achieve this policy objective, I urge that these limits be significantly reduced, with a clear pace and extent defined to ensure a genuine sharing of the benefits of growth. Alternatively, the government should mandate alternative noise benefits, such as a complete ban on night flights.

In any event, any approval for expansion must be accompanied by a ban on night flights, mirroring the mandate in place for Heathrow Airport. The disruption caused by nighttime aircraft noise is particularly intrusive and detrimental to residents' well-being.

Furthermore, it is imperative that noise limits are in place for all periods of the year, not just the peak summer months. Aircraft noise is a persistent issue throughout the year and should be regulated accordingly.

Finally, I strongly advocate for the establishment of a clear and robust process for regularly renewing noise limits downwards over time. This mechanism would ensure continuous improvement in noise mitigation and reflect advancements in aviation technology and a commitment to reducing the impact on local communities.

Thank you for considering my objections and the points raised in this letter. I urge you to prioritize the well-being of local residents and the environment in your decision-making

process regarding the expansion of Gatwick Airport.

Kind regards,

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