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I am an interested party and am writing to you as the Planning Inspectorate as I robustly oppose any expansion at Gatwick Airport. But especially if an extra runway is agreed, as this will undoubtedly have huge and everlasting detrimental impacts on the environment, excessive noise, poorer air quality, local transport issues and many other effects. It's not just about the historic village I live in, but all the villages, towns of Weald, West Kent and East Sussex that will be affected and have a poorer quality of life. Currently I understand the Government has a Night Quota Period (NQP) between 23.30pm and 06.00am, but Gatwick has said it wants to expand to 386,000 flights per annum. Growth on this scale will unquestionably mean flights being scheduled/allowed at nights throughout the year. Most people are in bed well before 23.30pm especially during the working week, and it is well documented that disturbed sleep has a hugely damaging effect to our health and mental well-being. In the event of expansion being agreed at Gatwick airport it should be accompanied by a ban on night flights as mandated for Heathrow.

I have deep concerns that all the extra flights & their flight paths will be concentrated over a few specific routes, especially villages like ours even though it's in an AONB as we have a lower population so is quite likely perceived as less people being affected by flights any time day or night.

If the Government does however approve any expansion, it must first put in place strict environmental, noise restrictions and other controls, this should be year-round, not just at peak holiday times. Robust and appropriate methods for measuring the noise should be put in place and there should also be a process for renewing those limits downwards over time. I understand there may be a noise insulation scheme for properties relatively close to Gatwick, but what about all the other residents/businesses/important historical properties like Hever Castle & Penshurst Place which are wonderful tourist attractions. Having distressing, excessive aircraft flying overhead will change the fabric of our historic area forever. In short, I don't support any expansion of Gatwick airport.

Yours sincerely

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