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Dear Secretary of State for Transport,

First of all thank you for allowing interested parties another chance to give their opinion on this matter.

As I have stated in the past I am against the expansion of Gatwick. I think from reading the Planning Inspectorates report it is obvious why. It is noted the harm that this will have on the local area.

I have taken into account the mitigations that you yourself have been put in writing. It is now clear to see that Gatwick have not met these.

My biggest concern is around the infrastructure. It was good to see that you, yourself asked for the 54% of travel to the airport must be carried out by public transport. This must be legally binding as stated and Gatwick should have to abide by this. If not, this plan can not go ahead as Gatwick could quite easily meet this one year and not the next.

It is also sad to see that the Gatwick seem to mitigate this by hiking up their drop off fees. In turn making themselves more money. Why not use incentives, for instance if you travel by train you're allowed a speedy pass through security.

In regard to infrastructure I currently live a short distance away from the airport and currently there is no bus service at peak flying times to the airport. This is the same for many villages in the local area where a train station is not accessible. Would it not be practical for Gatwick to invest in airport own bus routes?

The most annoying thing is If I can think of ways of solving this why can't Gatwick?

As MP for Crawley Peter Lamb has stated Gatwick will always grow but infrastructure has to be in place first. If this is all about getting the economy moving surely it is logical to invest in local area first before creating something that the area is not ready for.

Lastly currently I live just off the flight path the noise isn't too much of an issue and comes by living in the area. But I worry about future Night flights if this expansion is to happen. Surely there needs to be something that is legally binding like Heathrow.

I hope the right decision is made for the local area and the people who live within it.

Best wishes,

Matthew