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**To:** [Gatwick Airport](#)  
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Dear Sir,

My wife, my son and myself do not support expansion of Gatwick Airport. We are clearly opposed to this useless project, at a time where all our infrastructure is collapsing or dating from Victorian time!

There should not be a new runway and we believe there is no need for this when our infrastructures, roads and trains are still extremely poor and very old or the services patchy at best.

- Surface transport has not been sufficiently addressed. It should be the priority of our government. Not international transport!

We believe strongly that improvements to roads and public transport to address the increase in passenger numbers should be paid for by the applicant, not the tax payer. The potential decline in local air quality as a result of increased journeys is not acceptable. In addition, the local roads are already congested and are unlikely to cope with the volume of additional traffic. We had recently traffic jams in our countryside lanes, the type we saw only in when living in central London years ago, THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE!

This is happening more and more often as the M25 is congested most of the time due partly to traffic going to London Airports!!!

All residents are seriously fed up with the government prioritising these extension without addressing the basic needs of the population living in the middle of this mess. Our kids also suffer from these as congested traffic and very poor trains services add to their time spent in transport and force them to be late at school and miss lessons.

Hours spent in these traffic are reducing competitiveness. What is the cost for thousands of residents spending hours sitting in their cars instead of working??? Because roads are congested with people traveling to and from Airports.

- Local infrastructure; including schools; hospitals and GP surgeries, is already under pressure and would need to be reviewed and expanded to meet the additional demands that increased housing would bring to cater for the new jobs. And then again repairing our old lanes dating back to the 1900! And building modern Infrastructure and roads!

#### ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH

- If the government does approve expansion, it should be subject to very strict environmental, noise and other controls. The government tells us that we should reduce our carbon footprint at all cost, let's start with this nonsensical airport extension!
- The proposed noise limits, even as amended by the SoS, do not achieve the policy requirements that the benefits of growth should be shared between the aviation industry and all local communities and 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 a 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 for departures and arrivals and ground and plant noise, not just the peak summer period.
- There should be a process for renewing noise limits downwards over time.
- There should be no earlier approval than 27th October of a new runway at Gatwick as due process must be adhered to.
- Compensation – Residents should be assured of a robust DCO agreement that is legally binding, that can be appealed against should a resident feel inadequately compensated by the applicant for increase in noise and devaluation of home.

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