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### **I strongly object to a second runway.**

- SoS should take the Planning Inspectorate's recommendation not to support a new runway.

I have 3 main objections.

Firstly the second runway will cause a doubling of carbon emissions. It is nonsense to state that the airport will be carbon neutral in the future by installing ground source heat pumps. The doubling of airplane activity will double CO2 output. The carbon emissions of the doubling of flight activity needs to be included in this calculation. SAF cannot be produced at scale as there simply is not enough agricultural land available, even if all of the tropical rainforests are destroyed for palm oil production- which wouldn't work anyway because destroying tropical rainforests will cause widespread drought in these areas and palm oil crops will fail on a massive scale. In addition, the CO2 output of the construction work involved in creating a second runway needs to also be taken into account.,

Secondly-new flightpaths are currently under consideration as a result of increased air traffic and thousands of people will have their peace disturbed by these new flight paths. There will be increased accidents and attendance at hospital Emergency Departments as a result and increased mental illness due to the sleep deprivation. All night flying from both runways should be banned. A visit to Hever is all it takes to understand how disruptive living under a flightpath is. No financial compensation can alleviate this suffering. A donation of £90 000 to South Downs National Park is an insignificant offsetting contribution.

Thirdly, the M25 and M23 are currently gridlocked for many hours in the day currently. There simply is no further capacity. When there is a motorway accident which occurs at least every 2 weeks, the whole of the surrounding road infrastructure becomes gridlocked too. This is disruptive, reduces economic activity and cause issues for everyone in the surrounding area trying to get anywhere. Gatwick has offered only £10 million towards the extra infrastructure required. This is a ridiculously tiny amount of compensation to the tax payer who will eventually have to pay upwards of £1billion towards upgrading the surrounding roads once passenger capacity increases. Note that the A3/M25 junction upgrade alone is costing more than £300 million. People coming from outside of central London to Gatwick simply will not use public transport due to the significant inconvenience of transporting luggage, children etc on the train. There will also be

extra cargo carriage of 350 000 tonnes which can only be transported by lorry.

Gatwick is calling for an earlier approval of a new runway at Gatwick, before 27<sup>th</sup> October. This is unacceptable as due process must be adhered to.

Thank you for your consideration  
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