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To whom it may concern,

I am a local resident, living in [REDACTED], Kent which is underneath the LGW flightpath. Myself and my family are also users of LGW for holidays.

We are very firmly against any expansion of LGW whatsoever and furthermore would like more limits in terms of night flights, dispersion and noise reduction placed on the airport's existing operations. As mentioned, I am a user of LGW but on balance, no expansion should be allowed. My rationale:

- LGW is an untrustworthy organisation. The legacy of the airport's previous denial of changes to flight path concentration lives long in the memory of its neighbours. They repeatedly lied to us and the government. The CEO remains in place, as does the Company culture which is entirely profit driven, with no genuine consideration of their impact on their neighbours or their environment. If an expansion was allowed, the next step would be then to ignore or renegotiate agreed mitigations. As you will see from the Water industry, regulation is not effective when up against privately owned, profit driven organisations. LGW cannot be trusted.
- LGW profits do not even benefit any shareholders or UK pensions, increased profits leave the country. The ultimate owners do not care about the UK or it's residents.
- LGW is merely a holiday airport. This doesn't benefit UK commercial interests. It is not and never will be a hub airport. It is the wrong site for any expansion.
- There is not enough travel infrastructure to get to LGW. Expansion will merely clog up the roads even more, and the requirement to expand trains makes no sense since the lines do not come from anywhere other than London, whose population already overwhelmingly uses the train.
- The concentration of flights over villages - a JS Mill type Utilitarian argument that seeks to torture the few, for the benefit of the many - is a major impediment to our enjoyment of life and particularly sleep for our family, including children. It sometimes feels as if planes are landing in our back garden, despite living 20 miles away. This includes planes coming overhead in the middle of the night. You MUST ban all night flights. I suspect if MPs had this level of noise at night, it would be banned pretty quickly.
- Noise levels should be reduced every year, and dispersal increased so that certain villages are not perpetually bombarded.

You will realise that local feeling is very strong, amplified by the lies that the LGW leadership has told in the past. No local residents trust LGW, nor should government or regulators. We firmly oppose any sort of expansion, no matter what the promised

mitigants of the impact on local residents might be.

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