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Subject: Interested Party Ref no. 20041853 - Response to applicant's responses to Dept's letter of 27/2/25
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Re: Gatwick Airport New Runway Application
Interested Party Reference Number: 20041853
Name: Janet Mason
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re the application for a new runway at Gatwick Airport:

As requested by the Secretary of State for Transport, and as an "Interested Party" (ref. no. 20041853), I am responding to the applicant's responses to the Department's letter of 27th February 2025.

I contend that Gatwick Airport has not made a strong enough case for a new runway being needed, so the Secretary of State should take the Planning Inspectorate's recommendation not to support a new runway.

In particular I consider that insufficient attention has been given to the following two issues:

- 1) Increase in aircraft noise. This issue is of fundamental importance to residents such as myself under the flight paths, who already experience a substantial noise nuisance. The increase in the number of flights would clearly make this noise problem much worse, and is a major reason why the new runway should not be approved.
- 2) Climate impact. The burning of fossil fuel in the additional planes' engines would add a large extra amount of the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide to the atmosphere, at a time when we are in a climate emergency and the world should be phasing out the emission of greenhouse gases in order to achieve net zero emissions as soon as possible. The UK, as the initiator of the industrial revolution which has resulted in fossil fuel burning and climate change, should be setting an example to the rest of the world in this regard. The idea of replacing fossil fuels by sustainable alternatives for aviation is yet to be shown to be possible at the scale required even for existing flights, and certainly not for the increases in flight numbers that are proposed here.

Regards

Janet Mason