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Leigh Parish Council strongly objects to the proposed expansion at Gatwick Airport. Leigh is a peaceful, rural village in Kent. If there is such a large increase in flights overhead, this would have a devastating impact on our rural community. The lives of our residents living under the flightpath would be ruined and peace and tranquillity would be lost. Our residents' health, both physical and mental, would be affected.

Should the Government approve the expansion plans, then Leigh Parish Council would like to see more controls in place, such as strict controls on the environmental impact, noise levels and carbon limits.

1. Noise: Leigh Parish Council supports the Examining Authority's noise insulation proposals but, in our view, these proposals do not cover enough properties further out from the airport, those properties which are still badly impacted by noise. There must be a ban on all night flight arrivals and departures from Gatwick, as has been mandated for Heathrow, and there must be noise limits all year round, not just in the peak summer period.

2. Surface Transport: Leigh Parish Council supports the Examining Authority's request for a stronger version of Regulation 20. We support the view that there is a need for greater committed investment by Gatwick in public transport and not just road widening.

3. Need: Gatwick Airport has not provided further evidence of need and future business travel which was highlighted by the Examining Authority. The Government should not approve these expansion plans if there is no proven need.

4. Climate Change: this proposed expansion of Gatwick Airport will lead to one of the largest net negative impacts on the climate and there are no proposals for climate change mitigation. This in itself should be a cause for refusal of the proposal.

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