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Gatwick Airport

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Chiddingstone Parish Council strongly objects to the proposed expansion at Gatwick Airport. The impact of the increased number of flights across our rural community would be immense and the lives of our residents would be ruined, tranquillity lost, and people's health both physical and mental affected.

Should the Government approve the expansion plans, then Chiddingstone 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: Chiddingstone 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 noise limits should be mandatory all year round, and not just in the peak summer period.
- 2. Surface Transport: Chiddingstone 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. If there is no need for this expansion, then it should not be approved.
- 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.

Clerk, Chiddingstone Parish Council