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To the Planning Inspectorate

As a resident (Interested Party) who lives close to Gatwick Airport (Copthorne village) and who will be directly impacted by further development, I write to strongly object to the new runway for the following reasons:

The applicant (Gatwick Airport) is failing to abide by the planning process, by introducing a third scheme outside of the examination time frame. I urge the Secretary of State to demand that noise and surface transport be re-examined and that the planning process be halted and re-instigated, to allow for full and transparent examination of the facts to ensure Gatwick Airport's new runway does not further increase the already catastrophic risks of climate change.

With average temperatures already exceeding the 1.5 degrees which the UK committed to remain under the Paris agreement. Crazy, the present government has now back-tracked on their commitment to act seriously and urgently to mitigate, this huge and ever increasing risk. It seems altogether ridiculous as we are at such a perilous point in history for the government to act in direct opposition to the long term interests of it's entire electorate, climate change will impact and is already impacting every individual on Earth. This government can begin to shift the balance, instead they are playing a game they WILL lose and history will show them to be negligent, reckless & mindless in their duties to their electorate.

The additional noise, light and air pollutants, both during and post construction will undoubtedly have a significant impact on the health physical and mental of the local population who have not been properly consulted or listened to. With additional rates of Asthma, Alzheimer's and learning difficulties for children linked to air and noise pollution, this will not only affect people but also add additional burden to a health and social services already struggling to cope with an aging population and high rates of poor mental health.

UKADS (UK Airspace Design) is a Government appointed a additional tier of bureaucracy to oversee airspace change, which further obstructs and disadvantages local communities. This body will amalgamate the growth demands of airports and airlines, whilst the CAA is allowed to act arbitrarily without adherence to the consultation process (CAP1616). At Gatwick, they are already on stage 3 of the 7 stages of the consultation process and will hand over all work to date (which is extremely flawed) to UKADS. I strongly object to the way this process has been handled without meaningful and accessible mechanisms for communities to be properly consulted.

Night flights are of increasing concern, Gatwick has seen an increase of these particularly in the early morning hours, causing local communities to suffer sleep disturbance which

has a knock-on effect on both physical and mental health. Day time noise pollution is also on the increase as stated in a report by the CAA, further impacting those who have the misfortune to live close to the airport.

How can any sane person think that with the current state of global warming there can be any valid case for INCREASING aircraft traffic? This is the most polluting form of transport and is elitest, with the vast majority of the world's population never flying.

I find the fact I am even writing these words to try and defend myself, my community the local and global environment a reflection on the lack of political leadership with regard to the future of current and future populations.

It's Green jobs that need to be generated, finding ways to reduce our impact, do things differently, innovate, be creative, instead they want to invest in projects that continue to take us down a path that, any scientist will tell you, if you haven't figured it out yet, only sends us further into the downward climate change spiral we find ourselves in, making our current precarious and perilous situation even worse.

It is abhorrent, depraved and dismal that 'leaders' of this country are making decisions that will damn future generations to misery, loss and catastrophe.

Sincerely

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