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## Interested Party reference number 20044274

8th June 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a retailer in Sevenoaks of 38 years standing and have lived in Leigh near Penshurst since 2006. I am wholeheartedly against Gatwick's proposal for a second runway because of the increased noise pollution and congestion. Where I live Gatwick has made our lives a misery with the increased noise and change of flight paths, which they originally denied had occurred. Any trust I might have had in them evaporated then. This proposal will be a blight on the whole area and our way of life and will be far reaching, affecting every aspect of our lives for all of us that live and work here.

At one point Gatwick were suggesting a single track route, which would have translated as an aircraft overhead every 90 seconds (these routes were described as "noise sewers" by a previous CAA CEO!). If the government does approve expansion it should therefore be subject to strict parameters and controls regarding noise pollution in particular, not to mention the environment they will be polluting. I therefore support the EA's proposals re noise insulation and surface access. Although I have no real faith that this will go far enough to make any real difference, but the government could at least ban night flights like Heathrow and make sure there are limits on noise for the whole year, not just at seasonal periods.

This is Kent, the so-called 'Garden of England' - are we about to be cursed and become another Heathrow? We stand at a critical point in time, faced with further congestion and appalling noise pollution. Growth is in the balance scales, weighed against our quality of life and the countryside as we know it today. While growth may seem desirable it should not come at any price. If we are to be cursed, at the very least, the government should have strict controls with teeth, so that they will be rigidly adhered to.

I do not believe we need another 'Heathrow' but I passionately believe we should place greater value and careful consideration on the peace and quiet of our countryside and the environment we all live in.

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