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Dear Sir

I would like to add my objection to Gatwick's plan for a new runway. I have to ask why it is deemed necessary for Gatwick to increase to the size of Heathrow when the two Airports are so close together. As we are all having to make allowances for climate change it is, surely, irresponsible to increase flights in this densely populated part of the country when we already suffer enough noise and air pollution caused by these two Airports. If further runway capacity is really needed then it would be better to provide this in another part of the country so travellers don't have to travel to either Heathrow or Gatwick from long distances, thus causing even more road pollution. The M25 is almost at capacity and could turn into a huge traffic jam. The infrastructure around Gatwick is not suitable for such an increase in Airport capacity as there is no easy access into London from the local roads.

Since 2012 Gatwick has been moving their two main departure flight paths from their historic routes until now, when they are both more-or-less parallel so all noise and air pollution are concentrated over the same area and impact on the residents of Redhill, Reigate and their local communities. This cannot be right bearing in mind that the same areas have, historically, also been under departure flight paths from Heathrow. The Civil Aviation Authority is on record as saying that 'there should always be a fair and equitable distribution of aircraft noise'. Unfortunately, Gatwick have ignored this guidance and should now be made to adhere to it.

Gatwick Airport seems to be a law unto itself and makes a mockery of the planning process, by introducing a third scheme outside of the examination time frame. The Secretary of State should 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 any new runway does not cost the planet, communities and the public purse dearly. Questions should be asked, in view of climate change, whether this is really required in this highly populated area.

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