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I am completely opposed to any expansion of Gatwick airport and its aircraft flight capacity, especially its plans for converting the emergency runway to a second runway and building a third runway

I have already made detailed submissions in these proceedings and am therefore now writing to summarise my principal concerns, i.e. aircraft noise and pollution.

NOISE:

The noise we experience has grown over the 29 years we have lived at [REDACTED] from a minor irritation to a massive intrusion into our lives. When the Emirates Airbus 380 flights pass by following takeoff, the noise is absolutely deafening. Many other flights produce very intrusive noise. So the problem has grown gradually with only one runway! We cannot imagine the level of noise pollution for us and many other residents in south Surrey and north Sussex, if Gatwick are allowed to go ahead with their second, or a third runway.

Our designated AONB is a huge local asset for country walking, recreation and leisure activities, as well as diverse wildlife, plants and trees, enjoyed by countless local residents and visitors, yet the peace and tranquility is being progressively destroyed by noisy aircraft flights across parts of the AONB, which worsens every year. The Government and Gatwick airport are motivated by the drive for votes and economic growth in the former case and monetary greed in the other case, yet little consideration seems to be given to the communities living under or near the flight paths, because we are just a large number of residents who, individually, have little clout or impact.

The best outcome for everyone should be a balance between economic growth and respecting the wish of the local communities for quiet enjoyment of their homes. Any further Gatwick expansion simply further erodes the quality of life for those living close to the flight paths.

POLLUTION:

One cannot necessarily smell pollution, but everyone knows that aircraft produce a massive carbon footprint and that more flights mean even more emissions and pollution. The Government professes to want to address climate change and run the economy so as to make the UK carbon-neutral within a short period of years, yet ever more flights from Gatwick just make the problem progressively worse, unless and until some technological breakthrough enables aircraft to be powered renewably (and hopefully more quietly too). In the meantime, therefore, any further expansion of Gatwick must be prevented, notwithstanding the Government's drive toward carbon-neutrality, which will have to be met by other technological changes.

In summary, other points of concern with Gatwick's plans for expansion are as follows:-

- Lack of adequate transport services to/from Gatwick (insufficient train services, road capacity, parking facilities)
- Inadequate road infrastructure to cope with the additional road traffic to/from Gatwick

- Lack of sufficient housing/facilities (e.g. schools, doctors) to support additional employees needed at Gatwick
- Will demand for flying increase as much as Gatwick and the government seem to think?
- Night flights are already a problem for us, without any further expansion at Gatwick.
- Can the local water supply and sewerage facilities cope with the demand attributable to Gatwick expansion, when these facilities are already stretched to the limit with the extensive building of new housing estates all over outer Surrey and Sussex?

For all the above reasons, I am strongly opposed to any further expansion at Gatwick Airport

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