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Dear Mr Wingate,

We are writing in our role as constituency MPs for constituencies potentially impacted by Gatwick Airport Ltd's (GAL) proposal on runway expansion.

Clearly the proposal is significant, and would permanently impact the surrounding area. To enable this significant proposal to be properly and fully understood the impacts must be fully transparent to ensure they are appropriately and adequately addressed by GAL.

We are therefore very concerned to have been informed by the ten Councils involved in the DCO process that they are unable to advise MPs of what the impacts may be, because their specialist advisers have not been able to assess them.

We understand that despite holding a number of consultation meetings neither the quality, nor the level of detail of the evidence shared by GAL is sufficiently adequate to enable specialist advisers, employed by the Councils at great expense to the taxpayer, to properly advise on very important matters such as the impact of the proposed expansion on air quality, noise, climate change and carbon offsetting, impacts on the road network particularly in relation to proposed investment in public transport on routes other than the A264, and the economic and housing growth implications. This means they are unable to advise on what appropriate and necessary mitigations GAL will be required to provide. This is extremely worrying for our local communities.

I am sure you can appreciate our concern to ensure that in assessing GAL's ambitious and significant expansion proposals, proper and appropriate mitigations can be put in place to minimise any impact on the quality of life and wellbeing of our constituents and the ongoing success and viability of the regional economy more broadly.

This is a very serious and concerning matter and MPs would strongly urge GAL to delay the submission of the proposed DCO application until the outcome of the detailed technical work has been shared in full with Councils and until sufficient lead in time has been given to



them and their advisers to carefully consider the evidence. This will allow Councils to ensure GAL delivers the necessary and appropriate packages of mitigation required to support our communities.

We understand that all Councils have committed to handling the DCO delivery expediently, but it is essential that GAL allows for effective engagement. We therefore ask that you reconsider the approach and work with Councils to agree a timeline which enables effective discussion.

We would be most grateful to receive a response by close of business on 23rd June. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Sir Paul Beresford MP
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Crispin Blunt MP
MP for Reigate

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