



## Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign

Newsflash

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Dear Members

On 25th August Gatwick formally announced its proposals for the Emergency Runway project.

Here is the press release we issued that day.

### **Gatwick's Big Enough!**

The proposed expansion of Gatwick, formally announced on 25th August by the airport, is unwelcome, unnecessary and, if approved, would have devastating consequences for the environment, local communities, and people living under flight paths many miles away. The Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign (GACC), with local community groups, is relaunching its 'Gatwick's Big Enough' campaign to fight these proposals.

The plan to grow the airport's capacity by between 40% and over 60% over the next fifteen years involves use of new technology on the main runway and re-aligning and widening the existing emergency (or standby) runway to form a second runway. Despite claiming that it is no longer pursuing an additional full runway Gatwick also wishes to continue to blight residents living to the south of the airport with its demand to safeguard land from any other development.

The use of the emergency runway in conjunction with the main runway would mean more noise, more CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and other climate impacts, more congestion on local infrastructure and poorer air quality. There would be serious health impacts for local communities and those under flight paths and severe effects on a local infrastructure already overburdened as a result of past growth. If it gets its way, Gatwick would be able to grow from 45 million passengers and 280,000 flights in 2018, to 76 million passengers and 390,000 flights over the next 15 years, nearly the size of Heathrow. [See Gatwick Airport's own press release here.](#)

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## Next Stages

Gatwick's public consultation will commence on 9th September and will run for 12 weeks, closing on 1st December. At this stage, our understanding is that the consultation will be primarily virtual, although there are to be some facilities, including static displays and a mobile information unit.

GACC will be reviewing the consultation documentation as soon as it is 'live' on GAL's website and will thereafter be preparing briefing notes on the pertinent subjects with a view to helping members respond.

As we all know, the consequences for local communities, people under flight paths and our environment would be devastating: more noise, more road and rail congestion, more CO2 emissions and other climate impacts, worse air quality and property devaluation both around the airport and under flight paths. The threat is very real and very serious.

Links to our briefing notes and further details will be made available in our next Newsletter, which will be published shortly after the full consultation material is made available.



## Mailchimp

With the proposed expansion plans of GAL, naturally there will be a significant amount of information and news that GACC will be sending out in the near future.

We are therefore trialling the use of Mailchimp : a means of communication. Please add [news@gacc.org.uk](mailto:news@gacc.org.uk) to your safe senders list.

## Join GACC: please spread the word

Please encourage your friends, family and neighbours to join GACC and help protect the interests of communities around the airport and under flight paths. Information on how to join is on our website here: <http://www.gacc.org.uk/contact-us.php>.



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