

GACC NEWSLETTER

& NOTICE OF AGM

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June 9th was the closing date for final submissions to the Secretary of State for Transport in the current challenge to Gatwick's unsustainable expansion plans.

GACC, working with their expert team and legal advisors, has submitted a robust statement in response to Gatwick's latest proposals as published in April. Details of the GACC submission (some 30 pages) are given [here](#).

Other news in the past few weeks include the change of leader at Gatwick. Stewart Wingate who has been CEO for the past 15 years is moving on to become the Managing Director of a new VINCI/GIP group company – Airports UK. This will group all three airports in their ownership in the UK (Edinburgh, Belfast and Gatwick) under one umbrella. Meanwhile Pierre-Hugues Schmit, currently Chief Commercial and Operational Officer at VINCI Airports and a non-executive director on the London Gatwick Board, will succeed Stewart as Chief Executive of London Gatwick.

The the Noise Contours for 2024 have now been published and can be viewed [here](#).

Basically the evidence is here – noise has again gone up !

The Future Airspace Strategy Implementation - South (FASI - South) programme has effectively been on hold pending the formation of UK Airspace Design Service (UKADS), a new body to be run by National Air Traffic Services (NATS). You may recollect this plan started in 2012 !) For more info read the link [here](#) .

At Gatwick there are two significant programmes outside this programme.

Firstly Route 4 which has also been subject of discussion (including a judicial review) since 2015. Route 4 plans and consultation are rumoured to be ready for publication late summer this year.

Next the London Airspace South which is concerned with the airspace south of and surrounding Gatwick. This is being dealt with by Gatwick for routes up to 7000ft and by National Air Traffic Services (NATS) for routes above this. Again this programme has been underway for some years and consultations to date have not been satisfactory. At present the advice on progress states there will be a further consultation 'in due course'. At the most recent GATCOM meeting Gatwick stated this is likely not to be until 'later into 2026'. More, mainly technical, information can be read [here](#).

All of these programmes are years behind schedule and demonstrate how insincere all governments are in addressing impacts on community!

We've also recently submitted a statement to the Parliamentary Environmental Audit Committee inquiry on airport expansion and climate and nature targets. Our response is [here](#)

Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign ("GACC")

Notice of

Annual General Meeting

26th June, 2025 at 7:30pm

Dear GACC member,

Pursuant to Section 5 of the GACC Constitution, notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the members of Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign ("GACC") will be held on 26th June, 2025 **at 7:30pm.**

This year's meeting will again be in-person and will take place at the
Capel Parish Hall 55A The Street
Capel Surrey RH5 5LD.

As always, members of the public are very welcome to attend what we're sure will be a highly informative event.

We invite nominations for election to the GACC Committee at the AGM.

Nominees, who are required to be GACC members, must be formally proposed and seconded by Corporate or Individual GACC members with nominations submitted, along with proposer and seconder details, to info@gacc.org.uk before 11.00pm on Thursday, 18th June, 2024. In order to help consideration of their nomination, nominees must also provide a short resume confirming the area where they live, any affiliations with other relevant organisations together with the skills and experience they would bring to GACC. Proposed and seconded Committee nominees will be detailed on the meeting agenda which will also confirm the full order of business for the meeting. The AGM agenda will be emailed to members at least 48 hours before the meeting.

Fundraiser for Legal Challenges

To meet the legal challenges GACC has launched a Crowd Justice fundraising campaign to support these legal challenges.

The link to the campaign is here: <https://www.crowdjustice.com/case/gacc/>

Alternatively donations can be made directly to our bank at :

Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign

Nat West Bank plc

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Please donate to the campaign to help us continue to challenge the expansion of Gatwick Airport and the disastrous consequences that expansion would have on local people as well as globally. With your support we can ensure that issues like night flights, noise, air quality, and climate change do not go unnoticed. Commitments and promises dropped will not go unchallenged and we will keep on working to stop Gatwick's unsustainable expansion from becoming a terrible reality.