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Happy New Year to all our members and readers.

We're starting this year with the four day judicial review hearing at the High Court commencing 20th January. Its our challenge to the decision by the Secretary of State for Transport's decision to grant Gatwick Airport permission to develop its emergency (northern) runway into a commercial runway thus increasing the number of aircraft movements and resulting passenger to levels similar to Heathrow today.

As many of you know our case is based on the failure of Gatwick's application and the permission granted to adequately recognise the massive impacts resulting from this development. Ranging from critical climate and environmental impacts but also significant local impacts that will directly affect our communities for miles around the airport. Rail and road congestion particularly on our local roads, increased flooding risks and pressure on existing sewage systems which we know can't cope, increase in aircraft noise all around the communities and the hidden effects of air pollution including ultra fine particles.

Our legal challenge also focuses on the supposed benefits and economic gains for the area which when properly analysed are just glossy brochure talk and not realistic.

That's why we're going to court and challenging the government's decision!

If you're interested in attending the hearings in person they run from Tuesday 20th until Friday 23rd January and normally start at 10:00 am until 4:00 pm at the Royal Courts of Justice, on the Strand, London WC2A 2LL. There will be an audio link available – lets us know if you wish to link into the session.

Please join us for a rally of support outside the court on Tuesday 20th at 0900 am before the hearing starts and again on the Friday 23rd from 3:30 pm at end of the hearing. If you're planning to join us please email info@gacc.org.uk so we can be in touch on the day.

We still need funds to continue this critical Legal Challenge
Please contribute to our Crowd Justice fundraising campaign

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

Or donations can be made directly to our bank at :

Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign
Nat West Bank plc
Sort Code 60 – 11 – 41

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Public Meetings

We're continuing to attend public meetings, including those facilitated by parish councils, where we're given people details of the expected impacts of the Gatwick DCO and how we are challenging the Government's decision. So many people still are not fully aware of the impacts of Gatwick's expansion plans.

If you'd like us to do a presentation in your area then please get in touch.

Consultations

The CAA and the Dft have thrust a host of consultations on airspace and noise management. These indicate a strong bias away from community engagement and greater involvement of industry. The Aviation Environment Federation have produced an informative comment on the situation with links to the pertinent consultations. Link [here](#)

Membership of GACC

If you're not already then you can further support GACC by becoming a member. Send us a subscription or a one-off donation - we always welcome your help. As a member you will be able to attend our AGM and vote for who should serve on our committee or even become a committee member. More information on joining is on website at www.gacc.org.uk

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