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Secretary of State for Transport
Greater Minster House
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Dear Secretary of State for Transport

As a resident of (village/town), (county) I write to urge you to examine the expansion plans for the main runway at Gatwick Airport.

Currently this will go ahead without any political, local authority or residents scrutiny and yet it will add an unsustainable amount of travellers, (and workers), to our ailing network of road and single railway line that cannot be expanded.

This growth of the main runway must be considered as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008 as it will add approximately 55,000 extra flights a year - 340,000 ATMs by 2033 with 61 million passengers (46 million passengers currently) added to the meagre infrastructure.

This would be over the 10 milion air passenger level identified in the 2008 Planning Act, which specifically relates to major infrastructure projects - <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2008/29> Thus there is a requirement to inspect via planning is in the government document Making Best Use of Existing Runways. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/aviation-strategy-making-best-use-of-existing-runways>

We believe that these plans are neither compatible with the current climate emergency, nor with achieving the government 's net zero carbon target.

As Secretary of State you have the authority to ensure that this growth goes through the correct process by which it can be fully examined to the ramifications it will have on the surrounding areas that are already suffering from mass housing, lack of health care and school provision, and other amenities, which are not currently being met by the 106 agreement with local authorities.

This proposed growth is in addition to Gatwick Airport's management endeavours to use the emergency runway as a second runway which raises safety concerns and is in reality **a new runway**.

A new second runway, bringing 390,000 ATMs a year with 74m passengers, nearly 40% increase, adding nearly 1 million tonnes of extra carbon each year.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours faithfully

(Include your Name and Address)