

April Newsletter 2025

Airspace Change moves closer – but further away from community voices as new tier is installed by government. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/securing-the-future-of-aviation>

You may wish to write to your local MP with your council's concerns, we offer a standard letter here that you can adapt and send. <https://cagne.org/wp-content/uploads/Template-letter-to-your-MP-re-modernisation-of-airspace.docx>

The battle to stop the Gatwick Airport new runway is not over and as we await the Gatwick response (24th April) to the proposed restrictions, here is correspondence you may wish to [read](#) about fund raising for the current legal and expert team.

We could technically bring a Judicial Review (JR) now, but it is advised against at this point as Gatwick has until April to agree to meet the requirements set out. There will still be much for us to challenge with a JR in October (27th) as we believe Gatwick will not address the climate impact.

Consultation by the parliamentary committee environmental audit committee on airport expansion compatible with net zero and environmental targets. <https://committees.parliament.uk/work/9061/airport-expansion-and-climate-and-nature-targets/>

Deadline 24th April 2025. See more [here](#) See CAGNE response [here](#)

Night Flights - Gatwick's recovery in its aggregate number of movements has stalled – it was at 88% of pre-Covid figures, the same as for January. In March it was at 89% of pre-Covid figures, only 1% up on January/February. Equally and of more concern, there is the continued trend of the increased levels of early morning departures disturbing our neighbourhoods.

With the increased activity around at present on whether Heathrow can have a third runway and the deferral of the Secretary of State's decision on the DCO, the future of Gatwick's investment plans must be problematic. Certainly, their DCO growth of air traffic forecasts must in any event be in serious doubt and any growth that there is will gravitate to Heathrow and Luton as Virgin (Gatwick's CEO stating in the national press of a hoped return of this airline) detailing a downturn in flights to US.

Tables here thanks to Cllr Fillmore of Rusper PC
[January](#) [March](#)

The Gatwick Airport noise grouping, community assembly, is still looking for members. We would advise your council to join. Email gatwickNMB.Uk@eqis-group.com

Devolution is a big topic now, and it's key that we take this opportunity to secure further support and funding for climate action wherever possible.

The changes proposed will enable government to push through planning and infrastructure far easier with less of a community voice. We would suggest you join a local CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) branch that is doing much to balance this change.

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