

Gatwick's Big Enough

As previously highlighted, Gatwick Airport recently announced a new Master Plan to:

- Increase capacity of its main runway
- Turn its standby runway into a second runway
- Safeguard land for a potential third runway.

Should Gatwick's opportunistic plan be successful, flight numbers would increase by almost 40%, passenger numbers by over 50%, a devastating result for the long-suffering communities already adversely impacted by Gatwick's operations.

Gatwick's Master Plan would result in:

- **Intolerable noise for our communities**
- **More adverse health impacts for ourselves and our children**
- **A reduction in the value of our homes**
- **Additional strain on already fragile road and rail infrastructure**
- **Permanent environmental damage to our beautiful countryside**
- **An extra million tonnes of CO2 emissions pa, risking our planet's future**

To counter this threat PAGNE, together with groups representing all areas around Gatwick and led by Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign (GACC), have come together to form the **"Gatwick's Big Enough"** campaign group.

Although still in its early stages, our campaign has already questioned Gatwick's attempts to bypass full scrutiny of its plans to increase the capacity of its main runway and we are now preparing our challenge to Gatwick's initial submission to the Planning Inspectorate in relation to turning their standby runway into a second runway. This will be a long and complex campaign and we will definitely require all your support to effectively challenge Gatwick's expansion plans.