

ONE AIRCRAFT EVERY MINUTE?

Gatwick (Your London Airport) is set to be 50% busier

The number of people using Gatwick Airport is set to increase by 50% over the next few years. Just over 30m passengers used Gatwick in 2011. The new owners are forecasting that this will rise to 40m (perhaps 43m) by 2020 and reach 45m soon after that. While all this growth can be accommodated on just the current single runway, Gatwick Airport still has a second runway in its sights at some time in the next decade, despite Government's 'no new runways' policy.

This information comes from the Gatwick Airport Master Plan which was published in October. You can see the plan for yourself at <http://gatwickmasterplan.co.uk/>

The Master Plan is strong on growth but contains no new measures to minimise the adverse impacts like traffic, noise and pollution. 40 million passengers will mean on average an extra 117 flights a day and a 60% increase in the number of people within the 57 leq noise contour ('serious community annoyance').

Find out for yourself

Gatwick Airport Limited will be hosting a drop in session on 9th December at the WI Hall in Edenbridge between 2pm & 3.30pm and hosting two Workshops (4pm to 6pm & 6.30pm to 8.30pm, but note that pre-registration is required)

This is a unique opportunity to tell the owners of Gatwick how you feel about expansion. While Chief Executive Stewart Wingate is predicting 57 movements an hour;

- *Even if new aircraft may be a little quieter, will you be happy with one a minute?*
- *If Gatwick is to grow this much should it be doing more in return for its neighbours?*

About Gatwick Can Be Quieter

We are a local group which came together just two years ago and since then has been engaging widely on noise and environmental impacts.

We now know that Gatwick can be quieter right now *if only* the Airport management team sought out and implemented best practice. Thanks to local MP Sir John Stanley, we have this year been able to engage directly with the new Chief Executive and his team to put forward our alternative ways of working. Fewer aircraft would be nice but whatever happens we know they should be higher and quieter and that we all deserve some respite from the continuous stream of aircraft (definitely quiet nights and at least some quiet days).

What to do next

- Visit www.Gatcan.com and **register your support**
- Email hello@gatcan.com or tweet @Gatcan
- Check out the Gatwick Airport Master Plan at <http://gatwickmasterplan.co.uk>
- Register for one of the workshops on 9th December – you can do this by calling Green Issues Communiqué on 0118 983 9466 or emailing james.garland@greenissuescommunique.com
- Go to the drop in session at the WI Hall on 9th December
- Let us know how you feel about noise and join with us in making things happen
- Complain about a noisy aircraft (Free phone 0800 393 070)

It's time for you to make a noise, too!

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