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Gatwick's Big Enough campaign update

In August 2019 GACC established the Gatwick's Big Enough campaign to oppose the expansion plans set out in Gatwick's master plan. GACC is leading the campaign working alongside community groups from around the airport.

To date we have:

Engaged with all the key stakeholders including MPs, councils, the Department for Transport, the Planning Inspectorate and the airport itself

Briefed MPs and councils on the likely consequences of Gatwick's plans and on the significant gaps in the arrangements for approving or rejecting those plans

Presented at Gatwick's Consultative Committee, GATCOM

Commissioned legal advice on the best way to oppose Gatwick's proposed main runway growth, which is not currently within the scope of the ongoing planning process

Worked with local groups to launch fund raising campaigns

Arranged and attended a number of awareness raising events in local communities.

A significant focus of our work to date has been to try to ensure that **all** Gatwick's growth is subject to a rigorous, independent, planning process in which all parties can have a voice. Currently 60% of growth proposed by Gatwick would be from more intensive use of its main runway, which is not covered by the planning process. We believe that growth without scrutiny is unacceptable, against government policy and inconsistent with the law. Our letter to Council leaders is attached for information. We will be corresponding further with GACC members on this shortly.

If you would like more information on the campaign or to participate please contact us on info@gatwicksbigenough.org.

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GACC Committee

Brenda Smith, Derek Meakins and Tony Brookes have all retired from GACC's committee in recent months. We thank them for their long service to, and support of, GACC.

The committee has agreed to co-opt Sarah Clayton, Penny Shoubridge and Charles Lloyd to its membership. Sarah is the founder of Airport Watch, an umbrella movement networking environmental organisations, airport community groups, and individuals opposed to unsustainable aviation expansion. Penny is Chair of Charlwood Parish Council. Charles is a founder member of Gatwick Obviously Not, a Kent-based campaign group, and chairs the Aviation Communities Forum a network through which community groups seek to engage with government, regulators and the industry to address issues of common concern.

All members of the committee will retire at the forthcoming resumed AGM (see below) and may seek re-election.

Gatwick Noise Management Board

Gatwick has now announced the Chairs of its new NMB Executive Board and NMB Community Forum. There will be various introductory meeting for the new structure in January. GACC plans to attend these meetings and will consider whether and to what extent it wishes to participate in the NMB itself in due course.

GACC Annual General Meeting

GACC's annual general meeting commenced on 15th November 2019. The meeting was adjourned due to the repeated raising of points of procedure. The adjourned AGM will now be held on 19th February 2020 at Crown Plaza Felbridge, London Road, Felbridge, East Grinstead RH19 2 BH. The meeting will commence at 7:30 pm with doors open from 7:00 pm.

The following arrangements for the resumed AGM have been agreed by GACC's committee :

1. Nominations for election to GACC's Committee should be submitted to info@gacc.org.uk before 11.00pm on 12th February, 2020. Nominations at the AGM itself will not be accepted.
2. Nominations must be proposed and seconded by Corporate members or Individual members. Confirmation of proposal and seconding should accompany the nomination.
3. Confirmed nominations will be printed on the agenda for the AGM together with the town of village where the candidate lives so that the AGM can make an informed choice of candidates. The agenda will be circulated to all paid-up members by email at least 48 hours before the resumed AGM.
4. Voting at the resumed AGM will be by a poll. In the poll corporate members will have 11 votes and individual members will have 1 vote, as set out in GACC's constitution. Ballot papers will be issued on arrival.

5 Corporate members may nominate a person to attend and vote on their behalf. The person so appointed should come to the AGM with appropriate authorisation on headed paper. Proxy votes for individual members are not contemplated by GACC's constitution and will not be permitted.

6 In order to allow membership and entitlement to vote to be verified no applications for membership will be processed in the two weeks before the AGM. The cut off date for membership registration is therefore 5th February and anyone applying to join after that date will not be eligible to vote at this AGM. Applications for membership will only be valid if made on the standard GACC membership form, available on GACC's website, and in the manner set out in the website.

7 As is the tradition at GACC AGMs, members of the public are welcome to attend but may not vote and may not speak without permission from the chairman.

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