An open letter from the business community in support of Gatwick Airport’s growth opportunities

Dear Mr Wingate,

As a selection of business organisations, employing hundreds of thousands of people throughout London, the South East and beyond, we are writing to offer our firm support for the growth opportunities outlined in Gatwick Airport’s latest draft master plan.

Gatwick is a linchpin of the regional economy and a significant national asset, contributing over £5bn to UK GDP, delivering 24,000 jobs at the airport and supporting a further 85,000 jobs across the UK.

As the UK heads into a new chapter, Gatwick will have a vital role to play in fuelling trade, tourism and commerce, and providing links to global markets. When Gatwick thrives and grows, so too does the national and regional economy, so the airport’s growth ambitions deserve our full support.

Clearly this growth should not be at any cost, and given our businesses and employees are based in the local communities in and around the airport, we fully understand that the impacts of expansion need to be considered and carefully managed.

But we believe the strength of Gatwick’s plans lies in their simplicity. By unlocking much-needed new capacity from within the airport’s existing runways and footprint, Gatwick’s growth plans are a low-impact way of delivering significant benefits.

We are firmly in support of Gatwick’s plans which we believe will play a crucial role in allowing our businesses, our employees and our region to continue to prosper.

Yours Sincerely,

Brighton & Hove Chamber of Commerce
Burgess Hill Business Park Association
Cranleigh Chamber of Commerce
Develop Croydon
FSB Crawley, Horsham and Mid Sussex
FSB Sussex
Gatwick Hotels Association
Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce
South London Export Club
Sussex Property Alliance
Brighton & Hove Economic Partnership
Chichester Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Crawley & Gatwick Chamber of Commerce
East Grinstead Business Association
FSB London Region
Gatwick Diamond Business
Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce
METALL
Surrey Chambers of Commerce
Worthing & Adur Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Brighton BID
Coast to Capital LEP
Croydon Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Eastbourne Chamber of Commerce
FSB Surrey
Gatwick Diamond Initiative
Horley & District Chamber of Commerce
Newhaven Chamber of Commerce
Sussex Chamber of Commerce