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Subject: [External] The CAA and DfT consultation CAP3029 Modernisation of Airspace; Establishing UK Airspace Design Service (UKADS)

Warnham Parish Council (located to the west of Gatwick Airport) wish to make the following comments on the above consultation.

We find the proposal will present greater issues for our parishioners to participate in the modernisation of airspace.

This proposed new tier will be seen as a confusing barrier to parishioners concerned at how airspace change will impact their house values and wellbeing – in stating that UKADS must ‘hold the pen’. Fear is one of the greatest concerns from parishioners to how benefiting aviation will impact their lives.

There seems little CO2 saving compared to the growth predicted and subsequent slot sales and that UKADS seems to be the organisation to facilitate this from what is detailed in CAP3029.

There seems no evaluation of how the new body is to work with communities or will view/ engage with communities.

The gateways offered by the CAA in CAP1616 are already a barrier to the average person and to date we have seen poor material issued by Gatwick Airport but approved by the CAA to move forward. This has actively prevented our council from being able to provide informed feedback on FASIS. We do not believe we are alone with this concern and have raised this issue with the Horsham Member of Parliament and Gatwick Airport management on a number of occasions. This new body would seem to increase the barriers of transparent engagement.

The consultation and proposal offer little understanding of the impact of aircraft noise on residents instead it favours growth and benefits for aviation and those that seek to fly.

The cost should be covered by aviation but at the same time concern must be raised with the DfT and CAA that these costs could be reduced. This must actively suggest cost cutting measures from the outset. This must in turn raise concerns about how this will impact engagement with communities.

We are concerned that the benefits for aviation, both in efficiency and profits, does not reflect the potential impact on our parishioners.

We would suggest that this proposal be revisited with the emphasis being on a balanced approach as required by policy.

Many thanks

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