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20 May 2020

The Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP
Secretary of State for Transport
Department for Transport
Great Minster House
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Dear Secretary of State,

As Members of Parliament representing communities in Sussex, Surrey and Kent affected by the operations at Gatwick Airport, we know thousands of people who are concerned about the future for aviation in the south east. In addition to the many employees of the airport and airlines located at Gatwick, there are thousands more affected and concerned about the impact on the supply chain and the wider economy.

Operating as a single runway airport, Gatwick has provided opportunities for economic growth in Sussex, Surrey and Kent which we all welcome. To help this important hub continue to serve our country and employ so many, we are asking that a package of measures be introduced which will protect all businesses and employees affected by the current reduction in demand for aviation, while also ensuring that the airport has a long term, sustainable future in bringing economic growth to the region.

We would also be keen that any support not only protects the region's economy, but can also result in the airport becoming a better neighbour to local residents. We would urge you to also use this as an opportunity to speed up the processes currently in place to re-organise flightpaths in the south east of England, and ensure that Gatwick does much more to comply with the Government's policy of reducing the impact of aircraft noise.

As a single runway airport, Gatwick has helped ensure significant businesses succeed across the region. We are keen that their operations as a successful single runway airport can be maintained so it can return to a level of operation in the future which can support our communities economic prosperity, whilst making sure at the same time that many fewer people are affected by it. As the Gatwick Co-ordination Group we would be keen to work with the Government to achieve this.

Best wishes,

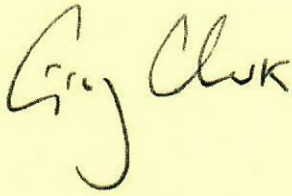
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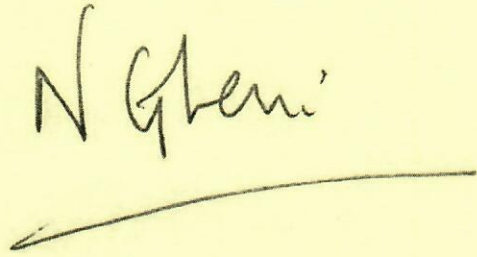
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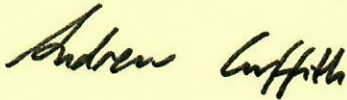
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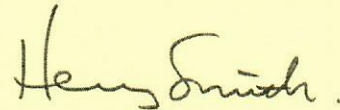
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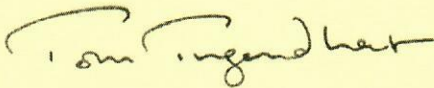
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