

CAGNE

**Communities Against Gatwick
Noise and Emissions**

**The umbrella aviation community and
environment group for Sussex, Surrey and Kent**

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Dear GATCOM members

Under item 3a we understand from the GATCOM secretary that on Thursday the Chairman has decided to discuss membership of GATCOM.

We have urged the chairman to offer transparency and open debate on the membership of GATCOM due to only one amenity and environmental seat whilst other groups, such as business and aviation connected bodies, have numerous. With the ever-increasing number of houses and the increased concerns about the impact aviation is having on our planet we would like to see an additional seat on GATCOM for a body that can address both.

As an elected member we appreciate that you may not be able to address the full concerns of all communities or of the planet in your GATCOM role as such we ask for your support in achieving a seat for CAGNE on GATCOM please.

CAGNE is the largest aviation community and environment group for Sussex, Surrey, and Kent. We are transparent in our aims and have an active environmental campaign that seeks to educate and inform. We have over 5,000 members plus elected forums and environmental membership as well as our new business initiative. We issue monthly updates to all our members on all aspects of government in relation to aviation, airspace, international environment concerns, and Gatwick Airport with an active Facebook, twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn. We note the GACC noise group has not updated their members since June last year or released news since January the same year.

We therefore ask for

- GATCOM to allow (including away days) outside bodies, not just those that are government or pro-aviation, be permitted to present to GATCOM.
- We ask that you vote to allow CAGNE to speak at the next GATCOM meeting so that we can put forward our case for an additional seat and/ or open debate over the seat held currently by a noise group. Without open debate this monopoly of many years is seen as a lack of accountability of GATCOM to the areas impacted by Gatwick and the planet.

Discussing this subject next Thursday without allowing the body that is calling for change and transparency to speak would appear meaningless.

As we all face a climate crisis it is imperative that a body is transparent, engaging and truly represents the amenities and environment sits on GATCOM.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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