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PRESS RELEASE: Gatwick expansion Judicial Review launched by CAGNE denied

The High Court has ruled against the Judicial Review brought by CAGNE against the Secretary of State for Transport's permission to allow a new runway at Gatwick Airport.

A High Court Ruling has dismissed the Judicial Review, which was backed by CPRE Sussex as well as fundraising from Sussex communities.

CPRE Sussex Campaigns and Communications Manager Nancy Duckels said: “The government’s decision is the latest in a series of assaults on the Sussex countryside. Climate change is the single biggest threat to our countryside. The expansion of Gatwick Airport will significantly increase greenhouse gas pollution, while also bringing more noise, congestion and air pollution to neighbouring communities and protected landscapes.

“This is a very disappointing result that cannot go unchallenged. Economic growth – if that even comes - cannot come at the cost of public health. We stand with CAGNE and the Sussex communities who know this is a terrible decision for the Sussex countryside.”

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About CPRE Sussex

CPRE Sussex is shaping a greener future for Sussex. Our priorities are:

- Beautiful landscapes, rich in nature and greener towns and cities
- Countryside and green spaces which are accessible to all, enriching lives and health
- Sustainable development for thriving communities
- Effective responses to the climate emergency

We engage with decision makers, influencing them and challenging them to protect the Sussex countryside and green spaces. We inform on environmental issues and empower individuals and communities with robust evidence to defend and enhance the green spaces they love. We believe in collaborating with others to ensure a greener future for our county. We research and provide advice on planning issues. Together we can shape a greener future for Sussex.