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PRESS RELEASE: CPRE Sussex joins coalition call for an independent airspace ombudsman, ahead of airspace legislation changes.

CPRE Sussex has joined Sussex Gatwick campaign group CAGNE, as well as CPRE Kent, Surrey, Hampshire and London, in calling for the creation of an independent aviation ombudsman.

The call comes as the Civil Aviation Bill advances through the House of Lords. In its current form, the Bill provides no powers for residents to challenge airspace decisions that would affect them.

Nancy Duckels, CPRE Sussex Campaigns and Communications Manager, said: “Sussex residents must have a clear and accessible way of standing up for their skies and communities. We need to be able to challenge proposed changes to airspace use. An independent ombudsman would enable residents to have their voices heard, as busier skies will bring increased carbon emissions, air and noise pollution.

“It is deeply worrying that the Civil Aviation Authority’s powers could be allowed to go unchallenged. The inevitable destruction brought by increasing air travel would wreak havoc on our Sussex towns and villages, with no way for us to stand up against it.”

The Civil Aviation Bill is due to enter committee stage at the House of Lords on 1 September.

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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

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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.