

Dear Neighbour

## **Update from Gatwick Airport**

I wrote to you in the middle of June to share an update on the impact of COVID-19 on our business and to signal the re-start of airline operations. Much has happened since then as we all continue to grapple with the challenges of living and working through the ongoing pandemic. My priorities as CEO continue to be protecting the health and safety of all our staff and our passengers as well as protecting the business.

Following the restart of easyJet flights in June we have worked alongside our airline partners to support rebuilding of their operations. This means that we have now also resumed our normal 24-hour operations. We have fourteen airlines flying from Gatwick to 98 destinations in 39 countries, including many popular short haul summer holiday destinations. We were delighted to see British Airways re-start their long-haul routes to the Caribbean, with Air Transat and WestJet adding flights to Canada. We expect to see more airlines and destinations to be added in the coming weeks and months.

We have worked closely with Government to secure the introduction of travel corridors so that passengers can travel without having to self-isolate on return to the UK. The travel corridors are reviewed weekly and therefore we recommend anyone planning to travel checks <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors</a> for the latest government advice.

The removal of Spain from the Government travel corridor list has also been a huge blow for Gatwick as a business. Even though we are starting to see the beginning of small green shoots of recovery demand is still down considerably compared to this time last year and we want to preserve jobs alongside offering a first-rate passenger experience in this new COVID-19 world. With all the health measures we have put in place across the airport we believe consumer confidence will continue to grow in the coming months.

We continue to liaise closely with the Local Authorities and other stakeholders in the local community to ensure that we all pull together to rebuild operations at Gatwick, kick-start the local economy and protect jobs across the region.

I will continue to provide updates on Gatwick's operations in the coming months. In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact <u>community@gatwickairport.com</u>.

Your faithfully

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