

Appendix G – Members’ comments on the long-term Capacity Options

Cllr Ramsey	The simplest way to achieve extra capacity at Heathrow is to use Northolt Airport as terminal 6 when the RAF vacate in two years.
Cllr Fittock	<p>Any increase in capacity at Gatwick airport is likely to have some affects on flight paths over SDC. As I remember it, no further expansion of Gatwick can be considered before 2019.</p> <p>Any changes in flight paths could affect Edenbridge increasing noise pollution and this should be the major concern of SDC and planners should recommend that flight paths should avoid centres of population. to some extent the Northern parishes of Swanley and Hextable are overflowed on the city airport inward flights. this is not particularly troublesome at present but needs to be considered when making any suggestions for change.</p> <p>On the wider issue of long term options KCC were opposed to development in the Thames Estuary for many reasons and suggested that regional airports should be better used to their full capacity or expanded to prevent over-development in the South East of England. This idea did not receive much support from the industry who are looking to retain London as a hub for international flights. The Thames estuary option would need a new transport infrastructure in place and any new road network might affect SDC though the new London port is likely to require similar road and rail improvements.</p>