

Planning Application by Bristol Airport Limited, Reference No: 18/P/5118/OUT

Description: The application is for growth to 12 million passengers per annum (mppa). This is phase 1 of proposed growth to **20 mppa**. 12 mppa will be a 50% increase from 2017 when Bristol Airport reached 8 mppa and will mean a throughput 97,373 aircraft movements in a 12-month calendar period resulting in a flight almost every three minutes. There will be a further extension to the 'Silver Zone' car park of approximately 2,700 additional spaces for all-year-round use, in the green belt. There will be major congestion on the A38 spilling over to the A370 and on to rural roads through rural villages.

The deadline for comment is **26 January** (but see below...)

HOW TO COMMENT

Please comment **NOW** on the latest plans to expand Bristol Airport so that views are formally registered with the local planning authority, North Somerset Council (NSC).

For full documentation and to comment go to the North Somerset Council website planning at <https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/planning-building-control/planning/commenting-on-applications/lookatplanningapplications/> This page gives you information on how to make a comment. To find the application documents click on 'Search for an Application' and enter the reference number **18/P/5118/OUT**

Alternatively you can respond to planning.support@n-somerset.gov.uk copied to dmscanningrequests@n-somerset.gov.uk or write to:
Planning Department, North Somerset Council, Town Hall, Walliscote Grove Road, Weston super Mare BS23 1UJ
Make sure you enter the reference number for the application

The deadline for public comments is 26 January, set by North Somerset Council. This is very short for proper public scrutiny of this complex planning application with over 5,000 pages. Even if your comments arrive after the North Somerset Council's arbitrary 26 January deadline (which has no force in law), it will still help.

You can also copy in your local MP and councillor. Go to <https://www.theyworkforyou.com> to find your MP's email address. Your councillor's email address can be found on your local council website. For example, email addresses for North Somerset councillors can be found at <http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-council/councillors/councillor/find-your-councillors/list-of-councillors/?LGNTF=188>

You can also email a copy to the following councillors who are influential:

- Leader of North Somerset Council Nigel Aston. nigel.ashton@n-somerset.gov.uk
- Council Efan Ap Rees responsible for transport and economics elfan.ap.rees@n-somerset.gov.uk
- Cllr Peter Bryant responsible for pollution. peter.bryantcouncillor@n-somerset.gov.uk
- Cllr J Iles responsible for health. Jill.iles@n-somerset.gov.uk

Prepare separate, different responses for members of your household, each with their own entry or letter.

WHAT TO WRITE

Explain your concerns in the context of how you are already impacted by the airport: this might be daytime noise and/or night flights; traffic congestion and rat runs; air quality; illegal/inconsiderate car parking; litter; loss of quality of life and community character... and more.

Current and expected impacts will vary depending where you live but even if you are at some distance from the airport, it is valuable to show how wide-ranging the airport's impacts can be.

Give a very specific account of how you suffer at present and how this would worsen with any further increase in permitted numbers.

Make it clear that you object to the planning application and want the Council to refuse it.

Tell your own story; this will have much more power than the standard template and automatic emails of support suggested by Bristol Airport to staff, customers, contractors, suppliers and others.

Include photos with your response showing the impacts of airport activities on the quality of life of residents. The use of one image with a clear and concise title and with a simple message is highly effective within a written comment, for example a photo of:

- Illegally parked cars
- Queues of traffic at standstill on the A38 and junctions of Downside, West Lane and elsewhere
- Litter on Felton Common and Brockley Combe
- The new building (the administration block) next to the A38 which clearly demonstrates an act of vandalism compromising the green belt and the rural landscape.
- Low-flying aircraft that generate significant noise issues.
- Hedges on the south side which will be removed to provide 5.1 hectares of low-cost car parking but which will diminish wild life.