

Minutes

of the Special Meeting of the

Planning and Regulatory Committee

Monday, 10th February 2020

held in the New Council Chamber, Town Hall.

Meeting Commenced: 6:00pm Meeting Concluded: 10:30pm

Councillors:

P Andy Cole (Chairman)

P John Ley-Morgan (Vice Chairman)

P Mike Bird

P Steve Bridger

P Peter Bryant

A Gill Bute

A Ashley Cartman

P Caroline Cherry

P Peter Crew

P John Crockford-Hawley

P Ciaran Cronnelly

P Paul Gardner

P Catherine Gibbons

P Ann Harley

P Sandra Hearne

A David Hitchins

P Steve Hogg

P Ruth Jacobs

P Patrick Keating

P Stuart McQuillan

P Robert Payne

P Marcia Pepperall (substitute for Gill Bute)

P Bridget Petty

P Terry Porter

P David Shopland

P Timothy Snaden

P Mike Solomon

P Stuart Treadaway (substitute for Ashley Cartman)

P Richard Westwood

P: Present

A: Apologies for absence submitted

Also in attendance: Councillors Ashley Cartman, John Cato, Mark Crosby, Donald Davies, Hugh Gregor, Karin Haverson, Geoff Richardson, James Tonkin

Officers in attendance: Richard Allard (Development & Environment), Nick Brain (Head of Legal and Democratic Services), Jason Beale (Development & Environment), Sue Buck (Corporate Services), Sue Efford (Corporate Services), Bella Fortune (Development & Environment), Jane Harrison (Development & Environment), Roz Hime (Corporate Services), Richard Kent (Development & Environment), Matt Lenny (Director of Public Health), Colin Medus (Development & Environment), Alastair Shankland (Development & Environment), Neil Underhay (Development & Environment), Roger Willmot (Development & Environment)

PAR Chairman's Introductions

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The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited the lead officers to introduce themselves. He explained the seating arrangements and the process to be followed and advised that parts of the meeting would be filmed for broadcast purposes and the entire meeting was being live streamed on the internet.

PAR Public speaking at planning committees (Standing Order 17A) (Agenda Item 1) – Suspension of Standing Orders

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Resolved: that Standing Order 17A be suspended under Standing Order 40 to allow for ten speakers to address the Committee in support of the application and ten speakers against, with each speaker limited to three minutes.

The Committee's proceedings with Standing Order 17A suspended then followed. The speakers listed below addressed the meeting:-

Speakers against the application

1. Hilary Burn, representing parishes (Parish Council's Airport Association)
2. Barrie Taylor, Wrington Parish Council
3. Sarah Warren, representing BANES (Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency and Neighbourhood Services)
4. Ben Moss, North Somerset resident, Extinction Rebellion and Bristol Airport Action Network.
5. David Worskett, Chair, CPRE Avonside
6. Justin Milward, Butcombe Parish Council
7. Emma Crewe, local resident
8. Adrian Gibbs, local resident climate expert
9. Scarlett Vester, young person from North Somerset

Speakers for the application

1. Dr Paul Phillips, Weston College
2. Mark Hutchison, UNITE
3. Lucy Graham, AGM Holdings (Weston Pier)
4. James Freeman, First Bus
5. Dr Andy Jefferson, Sustainable Aviation

6. Peter Henson, Bickerdike Allen Associates
7. Linda Wring, Pippin Catering Ltd
8. James Brass, York Aviation
9. Alex Pearce, Bristol Airport Limited

Edward Romaine, solicitor, was the final speaker on behalf of the objectors.

Dave Lees, Chief Executive of Bristol Airport Limited, was the final speaker on behalf of the applicant.

The Chairman thanked the speakers for their addresses.

At the conclusion of public speaking the Committee's proceedings under the provisions of Standing Orders then resumed.

PAR Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interest (Standing Order 37)
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None

PAR Planning Application No. 18/P/5118/OUT - Outline planning application
78 for the development of Bristol Airport, North Side Road, Felton, Wrington
(Agenda Item 4)

The representative of the Director of Development and Environment presented the report on the application for outline planning permission for the expansion of Bristol Airport. He drew members' attention to the update sheet which reported on additional third party comments, additional representations received and the officers' comments on them, a correction to the report and an amendment to the recommendation in relation to the S106 legal agreement and condition 23, a copy of which is filed on the minute book. He explained the next stages that would apply dependent on the decision taken by the committee at this meeting.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillors Ashley Cartman, John Cato, Mark Crosby, Donald Davies, Hugh Gregor and Karin Haverson addressed the committee, speaking against the proposed airport expansion.

In discussing the application members who did not support the officers' recommendation for approval raised the following issues: the proposed expansion would generate additional noise, traffic and off-site car parking which would have an adverse impact on local communities and on the already inadequate road access infrastructure; the claimed economic benefits arising from the proposed development were not considered to outweigh the environmental harm caused; the noise and emissions from increased flights, particularly additional night flights, would have an adverse effect on the health and well-being of local residents; the development would not contribute to the transition to a low carbon future and would exacerbate climate change; the development would have an adverse impact on horseshoe bats and biodiversity; the additional car parking constituted inappropriate development in the Green Belt and was harmful to the Green Belt; the proposal did not

provide for adequate public transport access which would result in an unacceptable increase in traffic volumes on the local road network. Other members raised the following issues: the proposals would have an economic benefit; the airport is a vibrant and necessary part of the local economy and the proposals would create jobs; modern aircraft design is addressing climate change; the access could be improved; the control of passenger demand was a matter for Government.

Before the vote was taken, five members signified their support for a named vote on the motion.

Resolved: that the committee is minded to refuse the application for the following reasons:

1. The airport has planning permission to expand to a throughput of 10 million passengers per annum (mppa) which allows for further expansion in passenger growth of approximately 1 mppa above the current passenger level. The further expansion beyond 10mppa now proposed would generate additional noise, traffic and off airport car parking resulting in adverse environmental impacts on communities surrounding Bristol Airport and which would have an adverse impact on an inadequate surface access infrastructure contrary to Vision 1 and policy CS23 of the North Somerset Core Strategy 2017
2. The proposed development does not make a sustainable contribution to economic objectives due to the scale of outbound leisure travel and with low skilled jobs at the airport giving way to automation it is uncertain that expansion will deliver additional and sustainable jobs. The claimed economic benefits arising from the proposal would therefore not outweigh the environmental harm caused by the development contrary to Vision 1 and the objectives of policy CS20 of the North Somerset Core Strategy 2017.
3. The noise and emissions generated by the increase in aircraft movements and in particular the proposed lifting of seasonal restrictions on night flights would have serious adverse effects on the health and well-being of residents in local communities and the proposed development would not contribute to improving the health and well-being of the local population contrary to policies CS3 and CS26 of the North Somerset Core Strategy 2017
4. The scale of greenhouse gas emissions generated by the proposed increase in passenger numbers would not reduce carbon emissions and would not contribute to the transition to a low carbon future and would exacerbate climate change contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework, policy CS1 of the North Somerset Core Strategy 2017 and the duty in the Climate Change Act 2008 (as amended) to ensure that the net UK carbon account for the year 2050 is at least 100% lower than the 1990 baseline.
5. The proposed development would have an adverse impact on wildlife habitats including bat roosting and foraging and thereby would not maintain and enhance biodiversity contrary to policies CS4 of the North Somerset Core Strategy 2017 and DM8 of the Development Management Policies Sites and Policies Plan Part 1 2016.

6. The proposed extension to the Silver Zone car park and the year round use of the seasonal car park constitute inappropriate development in the Green Belt which is by definition harmful to the Green Belt. There are no very special circumstances which outweigh the harm to the Green Belt caused by reason of inappropriateness, the encroachment of development on the countryside and loss of openness contrary to policy CS6 of the North Somerset Core Strategy 2017 and DM12 of the Development Management Policies Sites and Policies Plan Part 1 2016.

7. The proposed public transport provision is inadequate and will not sufficiently reduce the reliance on the car to access the airport resulting in an unacceptable increase in traffic volumes, congestion and parking on the local road network contrary to policy CS10 of the North Somerset Core Strategy 2017.

and that as the resolution is contrary to the officers' recommendation and the application falls within Section 1 of the agenda, the decision is held over to a later meeting for ratification.

Named Vote

For the Motion (18):

Mike Bird, Steve Bridger, Caroline Cherry, John Crockford-Hawley, Ciaran Cronnelly, Paul Gardner, Catherine Gibbons, Sandra Hearne, Steve Hogg, Patrick Keating, John Ley-Morgan, Stuart McQuillan, Robert Payne, Bridget Petty, Timothy Snaden, Mike Solomon, Stuart Treadaway, Richard Westwood

Against the Motion (7):

Peter Bryant, Peter Crew, Ann Harley, Ruth Jacobs, Marcia Pepperall, Terry Porter, David Shopland

Abstentions (1)

Andy Cole

Chairman
