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Dear Sir/Madam North Somerset Planning

**T&CP (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015  
& Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990**

**BRISTOL AIRPORT, NORTH SIDE ROAD, FELTON, WRINGTON, BS48 3DP  
Application No. 18/P/5118/OUT**

Thank you for your letter of 20 December 2018 regarding the above application for planning permission. On the basis of the information available to date, we offer the following advice to assist your authority in determining the application.

**Historic England Advice**

This application is located in proximity to a number of sensitive, highly-graded designated heritage assets, including listed buildings and scheduled monuments. This proposal thus has the potential to cause an adverse impact on the setting of designated heritage assets, possibly leading to a loss of significance.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) refers to the conservation and enhancement of the historic environment in section 16. Paragraph 190 refers to the conservation of heritage assets and notes that effects can arise from both a physical change and a change in setting.

The effects of the proposals to the historic environment are assessed in chapter 14 of the Environmental Statement (ES). In the main, we concur with the conclusions reached in this assessment and note that none of the designated heritage assets will suffer a loss of significance that could reasonably be equated to that described in the NPPF (paragraph 193).

However, there remains an element of doubt over potential effects to designated heritage assets arising from noise and vibration. This matter is referred to in Chapter 14 (the Historic Environment) in paragraphs 14.4.2, 14.7.10 and 14.7.1. We note that 'Designated assets at a greater distance of 2km were also considered in order to determine whether it was necessary to include them within the settings assessment.'



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It is not stated overtly here if this assessment included all designated heritage assets potentially identified as receptors on the basis of the data and assessment presented in Chapter 14 of the ES (Noise and Vibration). Chapter 14 does refer to this matter (e.g paragraph 7.9.38) but only in passing. We had previously referred to the potential effects of noise to the historic environment in response to the EAI Scoping Opinion (HE letter of 19/07/18; our ref. PL00449423; your ref. 18/P/3502/EA2).

**Recommendation**

Historic England has concerns regarding the application on heritage grounds. We consider that the issues and safeguards outlined in our advice need to be addressed in order for the application to meet the requirements of paragraph 189 of the NPPF.

We recommend that the applicant is advised to clarify if all designated heritage assets potentially identified as receptors due to changes in noise or vibration have been assessed as part of the EIA process and, if so, where is the assessment presented in the ES. If this assessment has not been undertaken and presented, we recommend that the application is not determined until this assessment has been completed and submitted as part of the application.

Yours sincerely

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