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Dear Sir/Madam

Application 18/P/5118/OUT – Bristol Airport, North Side Road, Felton, Wrington, BS48 3DP

Nailsea Town Council has considered making comments on the further submission in support of Bristol Airports application to increase the operational capacity. At a meeting of the Planning Committee it was agreed to reaffirm our previous comments, see below. The Committee noted that Bristol City Council has made the decision to ban diesel vehicles from parts of the city and this will affect the airports proposed access routes.

30 May 2019

Nailsea Town Council has considered Bristol Airport's outline planning application to expand and enable a throughput of 12 million terminal passengers per annum and objects to the application on the following grounds.

Transport issues

The impact on the local road network will be highly significant with additional traffic movements adversely affecting all routes between the M5 and the airport. The application assumes that the M5 motorway traffic will exit at junctions J18 or J22 and gives no regard to vehicles within North Somerset accessing the airport via junctions 19, 20 or 21.

There is currently no public transport between Nailsea and the airport and none proposed within the plan. The increase in passenger and employee numbers coming from Nailsea generated by the expansion, along with the additional housing numbers identified in the Joint Spatial Plan at Nailsea, Backwell and other sites across North Somerset will see a dramatic escalation in private vehicle movements, leading to a serious detrimental impact on the local road network. Additional congestion on the network will increase vehicle emissions and have a harmful effect on public health.

The airport has not shown how they will mitigate against this congestion.

Consideration should be given to enhancing and encouraging access from the north of the airport off of Downside Road.

Climate Change

According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report, the aviation industry is responsible for about 2% of global manmade carbon dioxide emissions. The Governments Clean Air Strategy 2019 has adopted legally-binding international targets to reduce emissions of five of the most damaging air pollutants (fine particulate matter, ammonia, nitrogen oxides, sulphur dioxide, non-methane volatile organic compounds) by 2020 and 2030.

With little in the way of measures to increase and encourage the use of public transport, the main mode of transport used by passengers and staff will remain private vehicles and therefore emission levels are only likely to increase. Bristol Airport needs to address the issue of air pollution and its impact on climate change.

Yours faithfully,

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Mrs Jo Duffy
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On behalf of Nailsea Town Council