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Dear Sirs

**Planning Application 18/P/5118/OUT - Bristol Airport Limited**  
**Third Supplementary Objections from Wrington Parish Council**

The Parish Council wishes to lodge further objections with North Somerset Council regarding the above Planning Application, currently under determination.

This Council has read the draft Joint Local Transport Plan 4, 2019-2036 (JLTP4) and will be responding to that Consultation in due course, but in the meantime this Council has become increasingly concerned about many of the statements made within the JLTP4 document, several of which imply or draw a reader's attention to the conclusion that North Somerset Council, because of its averred support for the airport's development set out in the Plan, is unfit to consider or judge the airport's planning application impartially. There is an indication within the Plan of a pre-determination of any airport expansion applications, most notably in Section 6 of the Plan and the Case Studies therein. There are many further examples within the Plan where North Somerset (as co-author of the draft document) have stated their support for airport expansion, yet without any proper examination of the effects of the expansion upon communities and environment being presented.

It is given that North Somerset Council is co-author of the draft Plan and by adding its support to the Plan, cannot be impartial in arbitrating upon airport expansion planning applications. The wording of the draft Plan was approved by North Somerset Council on 5 February 2019 and therefore it follows that airport expansion is already supported.

In order to be reach an impartial, properly considered and just decision on the airport's Planning Application, the decision cannot be made by North Somerset Council's Planning Department, but should be called in for independent assessment by a disinterested party – i.e The Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

This Council would also draw attention to the letter from Lord Deben (Chairman of the Committee on Climate Change) to The Secretary of State for Transport, dated 12 February 2019, after consideration of the government's Green Paper 'Aviation 2050 – the future of UK aviation' and which sets out plans to drastically reduce emissions from aviation (which have more than doubled since 1990), and states "It will also require steps to limit growth in demand. In the absence of a true zero-carbon plane, demand cannot continue to grow unfettered over the long-term." It also refers to the current carbon policy (CORSIA) having to be robust and with rules that deliver genuine emission reductions.

It endorses the view taken by this Council and others that "The final White Paper should further clarify that this [aviation emission reduction targets] will be met on the basis of actual emissions, rather than relying on international offset credits."

It becomes increasingly difficult for this Council to accept that the expansion planned by Bristol Airport in its above-numbered Planning Application can sit comfortably with the current thinking emanating from the above Green Paper and the views of the Committee for Climate Change.

Yours faithfully

(via email)

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**On behalf of Wrington Parish Council**