

Congresbury Parish Council Planning Committee met on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 and the above planning application was discussed.

The Planning Committee would like to make the following comments

Congresbury Parish Council **objects** and **recommends refusal** of the application for the following reasons.

- 1 It is not in accordance with Congresbury Parish Councils Neighbourhood plan.
- 2 The change of use from agricultural land to car parking will result in the loss of valuable land and be detrimental to the ancient Dolemoor and the natural habitat. This area is vitally important for Bats and many threatened birds including winter visitors and is one of the few remaining areas where brown hares are found.
- 3 That the refusal by the Environment Agency must be taken into account and is fully endorsed by Congresbury Parish Council.
- 4 The increase in traffic movements both on the A370 and on the roads in Congresbury and the surrounding areas are unacceptable. The A370 is already the most heavily used and polluted road in North Somerset and is at saturation point. It is also a strategic relief road for the M5 and cannot accommodate any additional traffic movements.
- 5 The development is unsustainable and will significantly increase air pollution, light pollution, and CO2. Congresbury Parish Council supports North Somerset policy to become zero carbon in accordance with the Governments directive.
- 6 There is no established need for additional car parking to serve Bristol Internal Airport.
- 7 The development will have a detrimental impact on the established travellers site and the other adjoining properties being a 24 hour operation.
- 8 This type of development is not included in the North Somerset development plans.

Regards

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