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Planning Inspectorate Appeal

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Dear Leanne,

Please find below a submission from Unite the Union (Southwest Region) in support of the appeal for the Bristol Airport expansion proposal. I would ask for an acknowledgement of the receipt of this comment and that it is furthered appropriately.

Unite the Union – Southwest Region supports the Bristol Airport planning application appeal on the following grounds. It is inarguable that Bristol airport is a major employer in the North Somerset/ Bristol area and Unite has a relationship with the employer as an independent trade union. As such Unite supports its existing members employed at the airport especially through the current crisis facing the aviation industry. We want to ensure on behalf of our members (including potential growth opportunities) that good quality jobs remain the cornerstone of the planning proposal.

The figures produced by Bristol Airport concur with the evidence that Unite has regarding the importance of having a sustainable regional airport and we recognise the economic impact of having almost 4,000 direct jobs and around 25,000 indirect jobs across the region, bringing around £1.7 billion Gross Value Add (GVA) to the South West. This is now heightened in a post Brexit economy

These jobs and many more in the aviation manufacturing sector depend on Bristol Airport not only surviving the current civil air transport crisis but being able to grow and create many more job opportunities.

The creation of jobs in economically difficult times is a key point for Unite the Union and the plans will support the local area in providing not just employment but training, upskilling and education. As a trade union, Unite understands the importance of Bristol airport, not just directly employed but for the thousands of workers throughout the supply chain from the food industry suppliers, transport, aerospace manufacturing, construction, education and many other sectors. These people and their families rely on an airport that grows and invests and that is why there is a need to uphold the planning appeal.

According to the information supplied to Unite there is an expectation that there will be an additional 710 direct jobs in North Somerset and over 5,000 indirect jobs regionally, with a focus on the region's most deprived areas. This job creation is supported by Unite and we

intend to engage with these new workers in order to support them throughout their careers.

Unite has engaged with Bristol Airport in response to the understandable environmental concerns. Unite shares and advocates for environmental progression so we support the considerable progress that has been made in reducing the airports commitment to reduce its carbon footprint to neutrality by 2025 and net zero by 2050. As well as this the company is in discussions with Unite regarding the Green Agenda and we note that the airport has already made great progress in reducing its emissions and now generates 5% of its electricity from on-site renewables.

Unite supports both the development of employment and highlights the commitment Bristol Airport has made regarding green workspaces. We are clear in stating that an expansion plan which supports existing employment, creates new jobs and contributes to the economy as well as education across sectors of industry - needs to be supported. Again, we also expect the airport operator and owners to be fully engaged as a demonstrable leader in positive environmental progression to a greener future.

Unite recommend that this appeal is upheld.

Regards

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