

Planning Inspectorate
FAO Leanne Palmer

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**Statement of Support for Bristol Airport's expansion proposals
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As the Chief Executive of Constructing Excellence South West, I am pleased to offer my support for the Bristol Airport expansion proposal.

Constructing Excellence South West exists to improve industry performance to produce a better built environment. We are a cross sector, cross-supply chain, member led organisation operating for the good of industry and its stakeholders. Our core values focus on collaborative working, an integrated supply chain, procurement on best value not lowest price, early involvement and commitment to people.

Having worked alongside Bristol Airport as one of our member organisations for eight years we know how aligned they are to our best practice principles. Their commitment to achieving net zero by 2050 is particularly impressive. The leadership shown by Bristol Airport personnel, particularly around the subject of young people and future skills, has been an inspiration to the whole construction sector.

The project will bring much needed post COVID-19 investment into one of the South West's most deprived areas and provide not only construction jobs but also long term jobs once the build is complete. The additional much needed public transport routes are of particular interest to our members and will bring significant benefits to many businesses in the area.

We hope and trust the expansion proposals will be passed and look forward to working with Bristol Airport to showcase the best practice that will inevitably follow.

Yours sincerely,

ANDREW CARPENTER
Chief Executive