

SUBMISSION TO THE PLANNING INQUIRY INTO BRISTOL AIRPORT EXPANSION APPEAL

I would like to make the following statement to the inspectors of the Bristol Airport Inquiry.

Like many people, I am horrified at the increase in disastrous events occurring across the world this summer 2021. In just the past 7 weeks there have been reports of the following:

- Blistering heatwaves reaching 49.6C causing a 'heat dome' leading to hundreds of deaths in Western Canada and N.W. United States.
- Heavy rain and flash floods across Germany, The Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg and the UK.
- Severe thunderstorms and flash flooding in London affecting major roads, train stations and hospitals.
- Excessive rainfall in India causing landslides. 164 deaths in Himichal Pradesh. Millions evacuated.
- Wild fires and temperatures of 40c plus in Italy, Spain, Greece, Turkey, N.E. Siberia. Tens of thousands of displaced people.
- Wild fires out of control on Greek Island Evia. People evacuated.
- In California, wild fires active for 22 days, thousands left homeless.
- Forest fires and 46c temperatures in Algeria. 25 soldiers and 17 civilians killed fighting over 100 fires.
- Sicily recorded Europe's hottest ever temperature, 48.8c.

With regard to these events, plus the clear warnings in the IPCC report issued this week, I am totally at a loss to understand how this inquiry is not halted immediately.

How can a proposed plan, which will inevitably increase carbon emissions, be seen as worthy of any consideration when their contribution to the harm and destruction we are witnessing is so clear?

Scientists have given warnings and tried to initiate action for many decades; we have failed to listen, let alone act, and it appears are continuing to do so, putting profit before the health of humanity and the planet.

I call upon the inspectors to halt this inquiry now: to instead spend the time working with other government departments to plan and action solutions to the predicted catastrophe we are rapidly heading towards.

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