

This is a report from Alysun Jones and Timothy Blanc

We both object to the expansion of Bristol Airport for the following reasons.

1. We are already in a climate emergency. We should be reducing our flights, not expanding them. We must act now to avoid a tipping point catastrophe as highlighted in the recent (9.8.2021) IPCC report (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change).
2. Increasing the Airport will inevitably result in an increased fossil fuel use & the resulting CO2 output through building work construction, increased flights, and increased traffic to the airport. Off setting carbon emissions is not enough. They must be reduced. Aircraft are NOT green transport, nor are most cars driving to and from the airport.
3. The A38 already has a high load of traffic and congestion at peak times and during holiday season. Increasing traffic volume will only exacerbate the problem and make conditions difficult for local residents.
4. Increasing flights means increasing local noise both from flights and from traffic. We live on a flight path and do not want more planes flying over our homes at night and in the early morning.
5. The quality of our lives was significantly improved during lockdown when flights were virtually absent. It was a great delight to see wildlife reclaiming the skies, fields and verges. Especially bats and birdlife.
6. My elderly, frail Aunt who lives in Vancouver feared for her life during the recent unprecedented heat wave this summer. In the previous year she was unable to leave her home due to the smoke pollution caused by wildfires on the West coast of America. Both these catastrophes were man-made and caused by climate change.
7. Do the owners of Bristol Airport, the Ontario Teachers Pension Fund really think that an investment airport expansion will benefit their members ? It will ruin their world & the children's & grand-children's world. A better investment would be in renewable energy or carbon capture schemes.

We must stop it and NOT expand the airport. Our planet cannot afford more flights.

Kind Regards

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