

Dear Ms Vincent

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Please place this email before the Inspectors Phillip Ward , Claire Searson & Daminic Young

I have never made an approach to the principals of such a hearing before but I feel so strongly about the future of this planet and the tremendously adverse effects that climate change is having – and will continue to have on my children’s future – and their descendants’ future I cannot remain silent.

In fact, I strongly believe they won’t have a future worth the name.

Airports are one of our major polluters. Not only via the aircrafts that they put into the sky but also via the thousands of vehicles their customers use to reach and depart the airports. Bristol is particularly guilty in this respect given that it does not have a rail link and the majority of their passengers arrive in their own vehicles. **I believe that Bristol Airport’s reported emissions do not include either road traffic or planes.**

The world is *not approaching* a tipping point – *we are already there*. I read that Norway reached its highest January temperature for 60 years. 33 millions Africans are suffering food shortage. The Doomsday Clock – acting as a metaphor for global apocalypse - is now just 100 seconds from striking midnight.

Flying is the fastest growing industry worldwide and is one of the biggest contributor to this global problem. What started out as a Climate Emergency is now a Time Emergency and unless EVERYONE plays their part the world will continue to rush towards an oblivion of its own making. Economists at J P Morgan have warned in a recent report on the “catastrophic” potential of climate change. According to their research “Risky Business: the Climate and the Macroeconomy” the impact of climate change will be broad and devastating.

Personally, I do not believe that a carbon tax is the answer to the disaster that awaits us – not round the corner but right in front of us all.

If it’s not time to say “Put the brakes on” when will it be?  
If it’s not time to say “Enough is enough” when will it be?  
If it’s not time to say “Stop expanding flying” when will it be?  
If it’s not time to say “Today’s the day” when will it be?

Flying is the most carbon-intensive activity. Only 15% of passengers flying out of Bristol is on a business flight. A significant number are visiting family and friend – a perfectly understandable activity. BUT the vast majority of passengers are just off the “enjoy themselves” on a foreign beach – an activity which is putting all our futures at

risk. Let the Airport authority come back with their application when (1) more modern and non-polluting planes come off the drawing board (2) when new fuels have been developed which are not fatal to our atmosphere and (3) when Bristol's passenger numbers demand it – because, at present, the demand at Bristol is nowhere near their present allowable limit of 10 million.

I desperately hope that you will reach a decision on this application which the majority of local people desperately want and need.

Yours faithfully,

Anne Ley-Morgan (Mrs)