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Appellant's name: Bristol Airport Limited

Site address: Bristol Airport, North Side Road, Felton, BS48 3DP

I would like to add to my previous comments in which I argued that aviation expansion is unnecessary and the applicants know it. Their business model of providing cheap flights in order to profit from parking fees, and to encourage sales of duty free goods to be flown around the world using subsidised fuel, will soon be a dead duck. This application is a Trojan horse to enable development in the green belt which will then be classified as brown field and available for housing development after the eventual closure of the airport. The continued development of vertical take off air taxis will render Lutsgate obsolete.

This was the case before the pandemic and it is even more so now that we can see that international travel is likely to be the cause of the spread of new variants of Covid for years to come. With the consequences of climate change becoming everyday more evident, deadly heat waves in America, floods in Europe (and all around the world) everything possible must be done to discourage unnecessary aviation. Flights need to be rationed by availability. Bristol airport needs to pick a different business model which will not require increased capacity.

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