

Thank you for keeping us informed of the Planning Appeal.

Such a shame that developers cannot take 'No' for an answer.

While I do not feel that I should ask to speak at the meeting, I do wonder whether points which have arisen more recently than the original planning enquiry can be submitted, since the appeal is itself more recent.

For instance, the definition of 'carbon neutral' relating to an airport needs to be clarified and agreed; moving carbon-releasing activities away from the airport itself does not in reality reduce the carbon footprint associated with the airport activity. To claim otherwise is misleading.

In recent months we have learned what the effect of a pandemic on the demand for aviation can be. While some of that demand will recover quickly, some will not, so it is very unclear that an increase in capacity is needed.

In recent weeks, weather extremes have occurred across the planet; record temperatures in Canada and Antarctica, Record rainfall in Japan. The overwhelming consensus is that this is caused by anthropogenic climate change, to which aviation makes a disproportionate contribution.

Local authorities' declarations of a climate emergency remain in place, and mean nothing if this major contributor is permitted to expand its operations.

That is on top of the previous points that Bristol Airport is particularly unsuited to expansion due to its geography and poor transport links.

Once again, thank you for keeping us informed.

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