

Bristol Airport Expansion Inquiry

Statement of Jill Coleman

My name is Jill Coleman and I have lived in North Somerset for 30 years and before that lived in Bristol for 10 years. I do not represent any group and this statement is of my own views.

I object to Bristol Airport expanding its operation for the following reasons: -

1, I do not think there is a need for it. During lockdown people were unable to travel and found they could work effectively from home and business meetings could be conducted via video conferencing. Business travel has dramatically reduced and can stay that way to continue the reduction in GHG emissions as required by the Paris Agreement.

2, Air travel for foreign holidays which is a core activity for Bristol Airport takes money out of the local economy as tourists spend abroad and needs to stay low to reduce GHG emissions. North Somerset Council is working with local businesses to boost UK holidays destinations such as Weston-super-Mare which is good for the local economy and good for the environment.

3, The democratically elected North Somerset Council has declared a Climate and Ecological Emergency and quite rightly refused Bristol Airport to expand its operations and increase its GHG emissions. This appeal is the attempt by a foreign pension fund to overturn the will of the local elected council, does not serve the interests of local people, will negatively impact on the environment and climate and is expensive and unnecessary.

Jill Coleman

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