

I hope this may be of some use. Thank you for all you are doing!

I almost can't believe I am having to write/say this. I was so relieved when North Somerset Council voted against expansion of Bristol Airport in 2020.

We are living in an emergency situation. 74% of all councils across the country have announced a climate emergency and carbon neutral 2030 goals including North Somerset, Bristol, South Gloucestershire, Bath & North East Somerset and WECA. This means cutting carbon in every area that we can. That means less flying not more flying.

At this time the people who are in positions where they are able to make the decisions that will effect residents in this area today must do the right thing. The right thing not just for the people and the environment today but decisions must now be forward looking to be the right thing for future generations. North Somerset made the right decision when they refused permission for expansion of the airport.

This will effect us all far beyond the North Somerset boundary and I thank those councillors who voted against the expansion. Thank you on behalf of all those who live in the area, including Bristol where I live, now and in the future.

Climate experts agree that to achieve carbon emissions reduction there must be less flying.

If the airport is able to expand then this will go against all the recommendations of experts.

For local people there will be the acute problems of more air pollution; traffic; noise and building on green belt land but the effect of this decision will go far further - The huge carbon out-put from the flights will wipe out any progress we may be making with carbon reduction in the whole Bristol City area. The whole country will be looking at this decision and a precedent will be set. Decisions must be made for the health of people and planet rather than short term profit.

If anyone previously had doubts about the effects of climate change then the recent weather events of souring heat and flooding in the USA and Northern Europe must surely now concentrate the mind.

I urge all those whom this concerns to consider the wider effect of your decisions.

In Hope,

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