

Dear Joanna,

I believe you are a person to write to in response to the appeal to expand Bristol Airport, and wanted to an some points about this.

I live in Long Ashton, a few miles away, and its obviously handy to live near to the airport if you need it, and whilst its noisy when busy, that doesn't bother me too much personally, but I do worry that the noise pollution will get worse for miles around, and especially those near or on the flight path.

However, I'm most worried about the air pollution. I have, over the last 3-4 years especially been alarmed at the climate crises and have chosen to reduce use of more polluting forms of transport - including flights, and taking up more public transport. This is less convenient, especially as my family live in Scotland and I am often away on business. This seems like the only responsible position of commuters, but whilst airports expand and unfairly compete with more sustainable models of transport, the air industry, government and planners are failing good citizens, their children and future generations.

During the pandemic, we found that many industries can survive and work smarter without air travel; holiday makers can choose some or all holidays at home and that green industries can support a sustainable new deal in the economy. Given the crisis in front of us, we should not be looking for ways to return to the old polluting ways, but looking to new environmentally responsible ways to live our lives and run our economy.

I therefore want this appeal to be rejected, and for Bristol Airport to either maintain its current size or preferably, reduce its footprint and environmental impact,

I look forward to having an update on the appeal and further public consultation,

Best wishes,

Liz Reilly