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I am a retired Consultant Paediatrician and Bristol resident. As a children's doctor, I am very concerned about the impact of CC on children and young people and on future generations. I do not think now is the time to be expanding flight capacity and I think the airport expansion contradicts the recent advice of the CC Committee.

As I am sure you all know, the CC Committee was established under the CC Act of 2008 to provide independent, evidence-based advice to the UK and devolved governments on how to set and adhere to carbon budgets in order to reduce the risks of catastrophe. We should respect their advice.

The 6<sup>th</sup> carbon budget published in Dec 2020 states that:

1. There must be a reduction in demand for aviation during the next 15 years: deliberately increasing passenger and flight numbers completely contradicts that
2. It states that expansion of any airport must be balanced by reduction elsewhere: I have seen no evidence of discussion on this
3. Emissions from international aviation must be included in our emissions calculations: if this is done it will be impossible for Bristol Airport to be carbon neutral

On these grounds, I think expanding Bristol Airport now is very irresponsible and will add to the already very significant risks being placed on the lives and future of our young people, and I would make a plea for this to be a high priority in decision making.

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