

Somerset Chamber of Commerce – Bristol Airport planning appeal notes

Somerset Chamber of Commerce is a Business Representative organisation covering the Somerset Region as part of the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) South West. We are one of 53 Chambers accredited to the BCC and support growth and investment in business.

It is clear that businesses rely on strong transportation links and the expansion of the A358 and A303 lead the way in the South west. The expansion of Bristol Airport would deliver further improvements to the A38 within the scheme further supporting our road infrastructure network.

Expansion of the airport will encourage inward investment from existing and emerging economies supporting projects such as Gravity at Junction 23 of the M5 with its business centre for clean growth and innovative business.

Expansion will also support existing businesses in the region to open up new markets which are so critical to businesses post-Brexit. The project will create over 5000 new jobs regionally with over £400m going into the South West economy including into our specialist manufacturing and composite businesses who are leading the way in the aviation sector.

The G7 summit showed that the South West can and should lead the way in sustainable business growth and investment and Bristol airport should be leading the way in this. It is an aspirational project to many businesses in the South West looking to achieve carbon neutrality.

The expansion of Bristol Airport is critical to the competitiveness of the South West both nationally and internationally. It is an aspirational project for clean growth and has the support of Somerset Chamber of Commerce.