

**ADDRESS: BRISTOL AIRPORT, NORTH SIDE ROAD, FELTON, WRINGTON
APPEAL BY BRISTOL AIRPORT LIMITED RELATED TO BRISTOL AIRPORT, NORTH SIDE
ROAD ('The s78 appeal')
AND
THE BRISTOL AIRPORT LIMITED (LAND AT A38 AND DOWNSIDE ROAD) COMPULSORY
PURCHASE ORDER 2020 ('The CPO').**

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OBJECTION – AGAINST BRISTOL AIRPORT EXPANSION.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak at this Inquiry.

I am making this statement in a personal capacity, as a UK citizen, a resident of the Netherlands, a father a professional engineer and environmental scientist. I lived and worked in Bath, UK, near the Bristol Airport flight path for over 20 years.

My two teenage children are fearful for their future as they regularly watch the news of **politicians, planning teams** and other **so-called “leaders”** make **poor decisions that will basically destroy their futures**. I find this extremely sad for all well-informed young people.

I have studied and worked on the subject of preventing climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Outside of my work, I have also directly lobbied and campaigned in a personal capacity to raise awareness and change policy on climate change. I attended the Gleneagles summit in 2005 where climate was a “top priority.” I donated money to help the makers of the **2009 British climate documentary the AGE OF STUPID**, which I feel so many powerful people – lawyers, planners, politicians - are now actively making into a dismal reality.

Planned UK airport expansion sets a grave signal for how we intend to address climate change. It makes huge **assumptions that we can offset the emissions of endless growth** - a fantasy propagated by those who do not understand the simple mechanics of endless growth nor the basic tenets of thermodynamics.

That the **UNFCCC Kyoto Protocol was ratified in 2005** aiming to reduce emissions from 1990 levels. Instead **global emissions have risen by 41%**. In the same period **Bristol airport passengers have risen from 1 million to 9 million per annum, 900%** well exceeding this broader trend. Current plans increase this further. The busiest Bristol Airport route in 2018 was **Bristol to Amsterdam**. There is an **excellent alternative – the train route** called the **Eurostar**. There are wonderful ferries via Calais, Harwich etc.

Here in the Netherlands in 2021, we see the kind of impacts already occurring due to our failure over the past 40 years to cut emissions. The UK is similarly at risk of intense heat and flooding impacts. Today, as I write this, at least **80 people in Germany are dead**, with **hundreds missing due to one single catastrophic flooding event**. Water levels here in the Netherlands will reach a level during this event that were not expected until around 2050.

The global pandemic has shown that **travel is not as essential as we once thought**. The business case for airport expansion is dead. We must do better.

Please reject this application – and help **avoid the age of stupid**.

Thank you,

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