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I am writing to object in the strongest terms to expand Bristol International Airport. For the following reasons:

I am writing as an elected representative of the people of Bedminster South Bristol, many of whom will be unaware that the airport plans to expand their flights up to 23,000 a year, flying 24/7, and increase in passengers to over 12 million. Effecting resident's health with the resulting increase in sleep deprivation and noise pollution.

The evidence shows that this will have a major impact on South Bristol pollution, from the huge increase in flights estimated at 23,000 per year, from cars and other traffic travelling to and from the airport. South Bristol expects to receive an increase in anti social parking, as Bedminster and some parts of Southville still don't have any parking restrictions such as RPZ. Even Windmill Hill has visitors parking for a week at a time, and catching the bus out to the airport.

There will be marginal benefits to Bristol South residents and the regional economy, in terms of employment as most workers at the airport are on short term contracts.

We have less than ten year to address the climate emergency. The people of Bristol have voted for parity with labour, they now have 24 green councillors and they will be fighting the next election to get control of the city. Is it worth investing in an organisation that is moribund and out of step with the climate emergency.