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To: [Joanna Vincent](#)
Subject: Re: Bristol Airport Public Inquiry - 16th September 2021 [GATELEY-GHAM.FID54667]
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Hello. My name is Chloe Naldrett: I am a Bristol resident, a professional theatre producer and a parent, and I am here, furious at the possibility that the democratic rejection of Bristol Airport's expansion plans by North Somerset council might be ignored and overridden at this costly and outrageous appeal.

As the planning application revealed, the expansion of the airport is against the wishes of an overwhelming majority of residents. It was turned down by North Somerset Council after fair debate, and is opposed by Bristol City Council. As I understand it, it presents no significant opportunities for meaningful employment to the area, threatens to choke the existing road infrastructure, pave vast swathes of beautiful green belt land, diminish the quality of life of residents in the surrounding area and churn an additional million tonnes of Greenhouse Gases into the atmosphere every year. Is it now the case that rational planning decisions and fair democratic process can just be challenged again and again by big money until it gets the result it wants??

We are in the throes of a Climate and Ecological Emergency. This has been acknowledged by Bristol City Council, WECA, the British Government and the UN with their formal declarations of emergency and in their stated ambitions to reduce carbon emissions. It is barely credible therefore that airport expansion is even a matter of debate: such schemes are utterly inconsistent with what we know about the need to immediately reduce our carbon emissions and the concerns and intentions clearly expressed by local, national and international government.

We are all already seeing the consequences of having warmed the planet by 1.2 degrees. This summer alone we have seen floods, droughts, fires: apocalyptic scenes and uncompromising heat. We know that we have to stop our carbon emissions right now to avoid the worst impacts of a warmed world. What we do here, on decisions like this, matters.

My children are 12 and 8. Scientists are predicting that within their natural lifespan we will see 4 degrees of global warming. How can we, when we think of what the world will be like for them, still be pursuing massive infrastructure projects and continuing to support industries which burn catastrophic amounts of fossil fuel? What will our children think of us when they know that we could have made different choices but decided to sell their futures instead?

If human life is to continue in a dignified manner (and let's not forget that the cost of our Western lifestyle is that in many parts of the world life is already undignified) then we need to act now to ensure that our future is cleaner and greener than our past. Deeds and not words are needed, and those deeds need to include some brave, bold decisions by our leaders which may not be popular in the short term. Your duty is to our future, not just to our present.

On Sat, 25 Sep 2021 at 16:22, Joanna Vincent <Joanna.Vincent@gateleyhamer.com> wrote:

Yes please, it is a public statement.