

Airport expansion plans: letter from local businesses.

Bristol Airport Planning Inquiry APP/D0121/W/20/3259234

Dear Inspectors,

We, the undersigned businesses, write to formally object to the expansion plans of Bristol Airport and intend this letter to be read out at the public inquiry deciding on these plans. The Inquiry is due to start on July 20th 2021.

The science is indisputable - we must decrease our carbon emissions immediately whilst reducing our consumption of the earth's resources. Consecutive reports from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) have advised us of the need for urgent, far-reaching, and unprecedented changes to all aspects of society. The government has accepted the Sixth Carbon Budget, which will require deep cuts in carbon emissions between now and 2035. The Committee on Climate Change has advised them that this will require "no net increase in UK airport capacity. The fact that the UK Parliament and many local authorities (including North Somerset, Bristol, Bath and Northeast Somerset and WECA) have declared Climate Emergencies demonstrates the importance of this issue, and the national and local intentions to address it.

We the undersigned are businesses who recognise the importance and urgency of the Climate and Ecological Emergencies that we face. Reduction of carbon emissions and other sustainability practices have become the 'norm' in the ways that we work, and they are integrated into how we run our businesses, and the decisions that we make. We also recognise that good business, profitability, and growing the economy do not have to be in conflict with reducing our carbon emissions or improving our environmental sustainability - in fact, we have found the opposite; being sustainable can be good for our businesses, as so many businesses in and around the Bristol area have proved. We want our businesses to grow, and for the local, national, and international economies to thrive, and we see ourselves as part of that.

It is with this in mind that we write to you asking that the application by Bristol Airport to expand in this appeal is rejected. Any expansion of Bristol Airport will push us ever further towards climate and ecological breakdown but just to be clear: we do not want Bristol Airport to close; we just think it is big enough.

The airport's expansion plans involve two million extra passengers a year resulting in up to a million extra tonnes of CO2 and other greenhouse gas emissions. These emissions will instantly wipe-out any savings that we are achieving by our actions, not to mention dwarf Bristol's proposed reductions. These greenhouse gas emissions are totally incompatible with

the changes that we local businesses make to meet the challenge of the Climate and Ecological Emergencies.

We have further grave concerns regarding loss of green belt, increases in localised road-traffic, air and noise pollution, and all of the effects of these on environmental and human health.

We are writing to you to state categorically that Bristol Airport must not be allowed to expand further. Such an expansion would contravene our international, national, and local obligations and undermine entirely all the work that we are doing as local businesses to reduce our collective carbon footprint.

The airport argues that local business want expansion, but we believe that a significant number of local businesses do not. Please reject this application.

Signed by

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7. Grant Mercer at Smaller Footprints Bristol Limited , BS8 4HW
8. John Palmer at Pytch Limited, BS8 4QB
9. Natalie Fée CEO and Founder at City to Sea, BS1 6UT
10. Ian Tomlinson at Chauncey's Timber Flooring Ltd. , BS2 0UJ
11. Delia Adey at Flo-Jo Fabrics, BS78AR
12. Tom Robinson at Gloucester Road Books, BS78NU
13. Sarah Chope at Oddsox, BS7 8NU
14. Ben Newton at The Community Farm, BS40 8SZ
15. Jeannie Meyer at Ecocetera Limited, BS9 3NJ
16. Fay Aldridge at The Tea Garden, BS6 5EW
17. Kelly at Zero Waste Pantry, BS40 5QA
18. Arne Ringner at FiSH, BS1 4SB
19. Fred Brodnax at Fred Brodnax blacksmiths, BS7 9AD
20. Jo Hook at Temwa, BS2 8RG
21. Christopher Swinburn at Garden Doctor, BS4 2LQ

22. Jerome Thomas at Metro Safety, BS8 4PL
23. Ben Heron at Earthsong Seeds Limited, BS39 5AH
24. Sebastian Pole at Pukka Herbs Ltd, BS31 2GN
25. Phil Haughton at Better Foods, BS2 9LB
26. Joe Cooper at Touch wood play ltd, BS3 2JT
27. The Climate Emergency Department at Eunomia Research & Consulting, BS14QS
28. Jane Stephenson at Resource Futures, BS1 6XN
29. Peter Capener at Bath & West Community Energy, BA1 5EB
30. Hermione Harbutt at Hermione Harbutt, BS8 4AA
31. The Co-operative Members at Bristol Wood Recycling Project, BS2 0RG
32. Elizabeth Behan at Botanical Inks, BS2 ORL
33. Sarah Chope at Oddsox, BS7 8NU
34. Jimmy Nelson at Essential Trading Co-operative Ltd, BS16 3JB
35. Andy Hawkins at Business On Purpose, BS8 1HB
36. Chris Bettles at If Not Now Digital , BS1 5BT
37. Andy O'Brien at Bristol Energy Cooperative, BS2 8PE
38. Sarah King at Loafspark, BS21 6PF
39. Kate Ploughman at Kate's Kitchen Catering Ltd, BS3 4DB
40. Emilia Melville at Zero West, BS2 8PE
41. Neil Davies at Predictable Network Solutions Limited, GL10 2PG
42. Chris Barker at JIA Architects, BS8 4SH
43. Dave Kilbey (CEO) at Natural Apptitude, SN155JA
44. Rebecca Prior at Prior Shop Ltd, BS2 0BL
45. Francesca Harkness at BAM Store + Space, BS5 6BX
46. Kate Ashwell at Heartfelt Vintage, BS82HY
47. Cllr Ani Stafford-Townsend at Stafford Townsend Millinery & Milliners' Guild, BS2 8DJ
48. Daisy Jeans at Blues, BS1 2EJ
49. David Taylor at 20th Century Flicks, Bs1 5bs
50. Ian Barrett at Avon Wildlife Trust, BS8 1DR
51. Anna Hope at Ecomotive Limited, BS2 9YP
52. Louis Tippet at Marquee Master , BS407TN
53. Diana Finch at Bristol Pound CIC, BS1 6QH
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55. Ed Price at Malago, BS3 1JD
56. Georgia Watham at Ivory Flower, BS3 1JD

57. Charlotte Barsby at Olive Tree Beauty, BS3 1JD
58. India Harrison at Pizza Workshop, BS3 1JD
59. Katy Brett at Health Unlimited, BS3 1JD
60. Chris Cieerpik at Rare Butchers, BS3 1JD
61. Vish Trivedi at North Street News, BS3 1JA
62. M. Rudge at Ashton Fruit Shop, BS3 1JA
63. Peter Adams at Fishminister, BS3 1JA
64. Clare Daswell at Glass Designs, BS3 1JN
65. Tom Shaw at The Lounges, BS3 1JJ
66. Sarah Harris at Casper, BS3 1JN
67. D. Knapman at Lion Stores, BS3 1JN
68. Zara Leahy at Zara Chocs, BS3 1JF
69. Emma Hales at Upfest, BS3 1JF
70. David Ross at Storysmith, BS3 1EN
71. Stephanie Meacham at Patina, BS3 1ES
72. Jack Sapsed at Hugo's Fruit & Veg, BS3 1ES
73. Dominic Harman at Corks of North Street, BS3 1ES
74. Sophie Fox at Flip, BS3 1ES
75. John Kelly at John Kelly 1880+, BS1 6ZA
76. Ian Atchison at Longwell Records, BS1 6ZA
77. Raz at Bargain World, BS7 8BE
78. Said at Gardener's Patch, BS7 8BE
79. Rehman at Glos. Road Fruiterers, BS7 8AX
80. Darren at Grape & Grind, BS7 8AT
81. Louise at Reason Interiors, BS7 8AS
82. Shane at The Phone Shop, BS7 8AE
83. Tya at Wild Leaf, BS7 8AD
84. Paul Roberts at Paul Robert's HiFi, BS7 8AA
85. Stu at Harvest, BS7 8AA
86. Mike at Geometric Stone, BS7 9AD
87. David Ross at I love my PC, BS7 8NN
88. Bryan Wells at Bishopston Hardware, BS7 8NN
89. Mehrad at Bishopston Custom Paint, BS7 8NY
90. Iain at Area 51, BS7 8NZ
91. Hilary at Hilary Barber Gardening, BS6 7AZ

92.	Pat Clark at Earthbound, BS6 6HB
93.	Lidia and Stacey at Zero Green Bristol, BS3 1HJ
94.	Tiriel at Preserve Foods Bristol, BS9 3AD
95.	Fenna at Future Leap, BS7 8AA
96.	Vicki at Bishopston Tiles, BS7 8NN
97.	Shirley at Bristol School of Gymnastics, BS7 8NY
98.	Kav at The Nectar House, BS7 8BE
99.	Luke at _studio, BS7 8AT
100.	Lauren at Fox and Feather, BS7 8AD
101.	Osman at Bana Dessert, BS7 8NZ
102.	Fariba at Catch the Moment, BS7 8NY
103.	Diego at Artigo, BS7 8NU
104.	Andy Hawkins at itech4good, BS8 1HB
105.	Dan at Kambe Events, BS2 8RG
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