

Green (altered) Motion for Full Council 8th December 2020

Protect the Next Generation – Stop Bristol Airport Expansion

Full Council notes that:

- Bristol City Council has led the way in declaring climate and ecological emergencies.
- The proposed expansion of Bristol Airport is one of the biggest carbon decisions in the region for the coming decade, as it signals that growth in aviation travel can continue unabated.

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- Acknowledges that airport expansion is incompatible with Bristol, the West of England and the region's carbon reduction targets and therefore must not go ahead.
- Acknowledges that aviation is responsible for 3% of all carbon emissions worldwide, and that, critically, it is the only area where emissions are projected to increase.
- Understands that, in order to reduce the air miles travelled, which is essential, imposing a tax on aviation fuel and using other mechanisms to foster responsible air travel is essential, but also recognises that these powers are not within our remit.
- Recognises the negative environmental consequences of the expansion of Bristol Airport, and supports the North Somerset Planning Committee's decision to reject the expansion plans, as there are other elements such as noise nuisance and loss of green belt land which are also unacceptable.
- Recognises Bristol Airport's role as an employer in the region and recognises the need for a just transition to a greener economy – that does not leave workers worse-off – moving the economy away from polluting high carbon activities like flying to more sustainable forms of travel.
- Notes that promising developments have been made towards moving the aviation sector towards green technology, such as electric and hydrogen-powered planes, which would provide green jobs in Bristol and the surrounding area. However, Council also notes that these technologies are many years away from implementation and that they need the accelerant of knowing that unabated expansion will not be allowed.
- Calls on the Mayor to lend his support to any Bristol City councillor that would like to write, individually or collectively, to the Planning Inspector hearing the appeal, asking them not to overturn the decision of North Somerset Council to reject airport expansion.

Motion to be moved by: Councillor Jerome Thomas

Date of submission: 26th November 2020