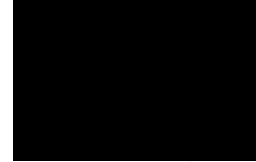


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The Bristol Airport Limited (Land at A38 and Downside Road) Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) 2020

Dear Secretary of State Grant Shapps,

I am writing to you about The Bristol Airport Limited (Land at A38 and Downside Road) Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) 2020. Despite the fact I am writing this after the official deadline for comment, I urge you to still consider my views due the deadline being unreasonably tight and poorly publicised given the current complications of the pandemic on daily life.

I strongly believe that the CPO application is clearly premature for the following reasons:

North Somerset Council already refused the Airport's planning application on 10th February 2020 (reference: 18/P/5118/OUT) for growth to 12 million passengers per annum (mmpa) up from 10 million, and the Airport is currently appealing this refusal and the date for the subsequent Public Inquiry is yet to be decided.

The Airport is clearly anticipating that the Inspectorate will rule in their favour as these Highway works to the A38 and Downside Road are primarily to accommodate the additional traffic created by the rise of 2 mmpa.

The Highway works that this CPO is covered by are subject to a draft 106 Agreement. During the Inquiry process, the draft 106 Agreement shall be examined and shall play a part in the Inquiry process and may therefore change under the examination process.

In conclusion, I strongly believe that the application is premature in the light of the upcoming Public Inquiry and therefore should be rejected.

Regards,
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