



13 October 2020

Secretary of State for Transport, Aviation Policy and Reform  
Zone 1/25  
Great Minster House  
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Dear Secretary of State,

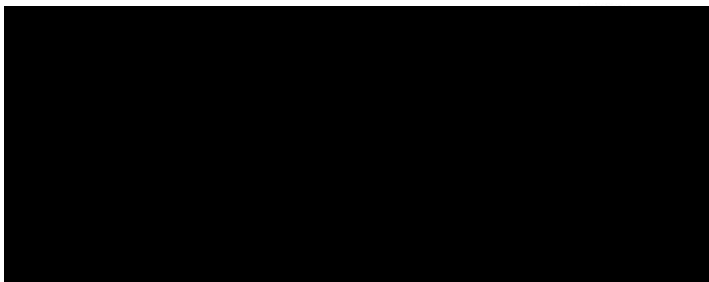
**The Bristol Airport Limited (Land at Downside Road) Compulsory Purchase Offer**

We are writing to convey our very strong objections to this compulsory purchase application. The airport's application to expand was rejected (Ref. 18/P/5118/OUT) earlier this year and they have appealed. We can see absolutely no merit in an application for planning permission based on the success of an appeal against a decision that reflected very strong local opposition.

We agree that this section of the A38 is often very congested, but expect this and other matters relating to access to the airport to be addressed in the new North Somerset Local Plan presently being formulated. Pre-empting action by North Somerset is unlikely to be helpful in developing a coordinated transport plan for the airport.

We have no interest in any of the land concerned and are only likely to be affected on our rare journeys in that direction if traffic flow is improved. However, we would be seriously affected if this were to be a lever for forcing through the airport's expansion plans.

Thank you,



Sir John and Lady Beringer