



# Your airport

## Our commitments to you: More transport choices, action on carbon emissions and a new noise insulation fund

New commitments on carbon emissions, public transport and aircraft noise will contribute to Bristol becoming one of the most sustainable airports in the UK. The proposals follow feedback from the public identifying these issues as the main areas of concern about the Airport’s future development plans.

A new carbon roadmap (see page two) sets out how the Airport will meet the challenge of climate change by becoming carbon neutral by 2025. This commitment, which applies to emissions generated on site, will sit alongside an international agreement to tackle emissions from flights and a new carbon levy which will be used to offset road journeys to and from the Airport.

On noise, £1.8 million will be made available for acoustic insulation of local properties, including mechanical ventilation to ensure residents can get the benefit of double glazing year-round.

Transport links will be improved, with services introduced to link Clevedon and Nailsea with the Airport, providing more public transport options for passengers and employees. A free drop-off and taxi-waiting area will also be introduced to address problems caused by vehicles using local lanes and laybys.



### Introduction from Dave Lees, CEO

“These new commitments show we continue to listen to our local communities and respond to their concerns, as well as raising our game to meet the challenge of climate change. A thriving Airport benefits passengers, businesses and the people who work here, but it need not come at the expense of the quality of life of local people or the future of our planet. We have taken significant steps forward to ensure that we find a way to deliver sustainable growth at Bristol Airport enabling continued success for our regional economy.”

## The principles of airspace change

Airspace is our ‘infrastructure in the sky’ and, in the UK, this dates back to the 1950s, when aircraft were very different to those flying today.



New technology, such as satellite-based navigation, means we can modernise our future skies to provide better service to passengers, potentially reduce noise for communities currently overflowed and save carbon emissions.

Airspace modernisation is taking place across the country and Bristol Airport will be reviewing its arrivals and departures routes as part of this overhaul. While airspace change is not required as part of the Airport’s current development plans, it does provide opportunities to make flights

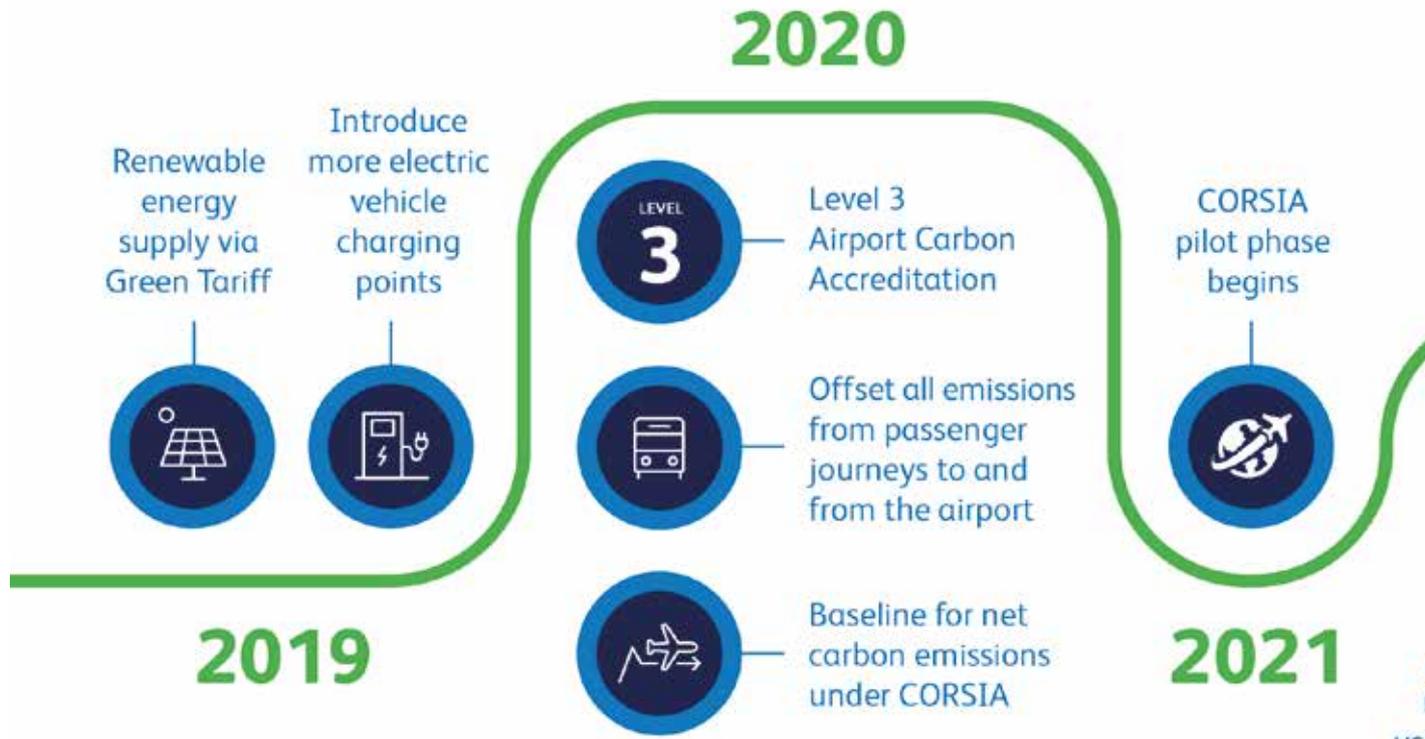
quicker, cleaner and quieter - for example, by flying more direct routes. By starting the lengthy airspace process now, we can ensure these potential benefits are realised as soon as possible.

The first step is to develop the design principles which will inform the airspace design options which we bring forward for consultation with airspace users and the local communities.

We will be engaging with stakeholders and local communities shortly to seek input to the design principles.

## Our roadmap to reduce carbon emissions

Our ultimate ambition is to become a net zero airport. The timeline below shows some of the key milestones we will pass as part of this journey.



## Fly local, save carbon

A recent study revealed that passengers from the South West of the UK could save carbon emissions equivalent to more than 15 million gallons of petrol by flying from Bristol instead of using London airports.

Nearly eight million passengers a year travel from South West England and South Wales to fly from Heathrow, Gatwick, Luton and Stansted, incurring an additional £50 in costs in the process, not to mention wasting a grand total of 500 million minutes! Even when those travelling by rail are discounted, the estimated carbon emissions from the remaining road journeys came to 157,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> in 2018.



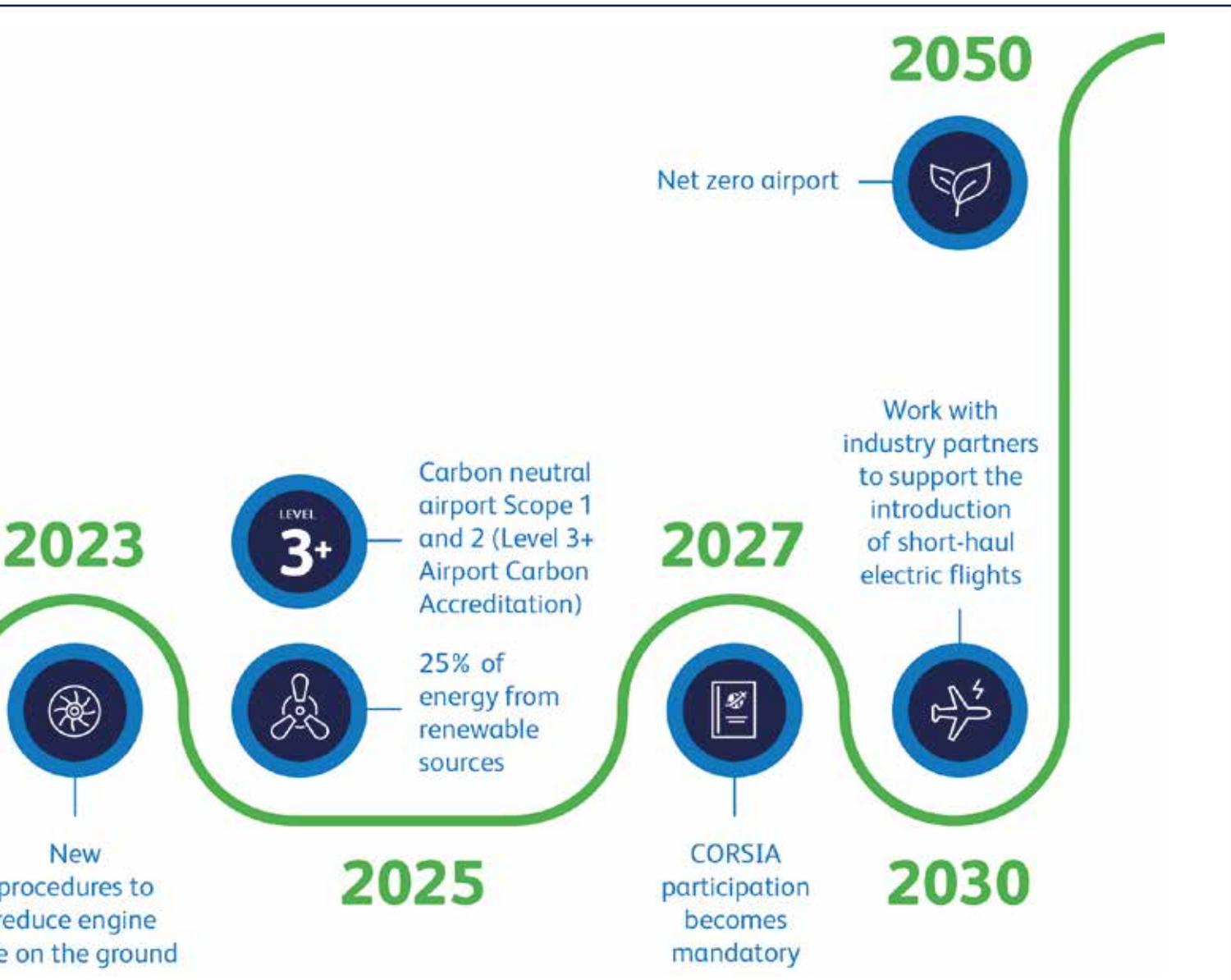
Better serving passengers within its catchment area is a key objective in Bristol Airport's proposals to increase capacity to 12 million passengers a year by 2026.

## Listening to local communities on noise



Although no increase in the annual number of night flights is being sought in the Airport's current planning application, concerns have been expressed by some local residents about the potential for more movements in the summer season.

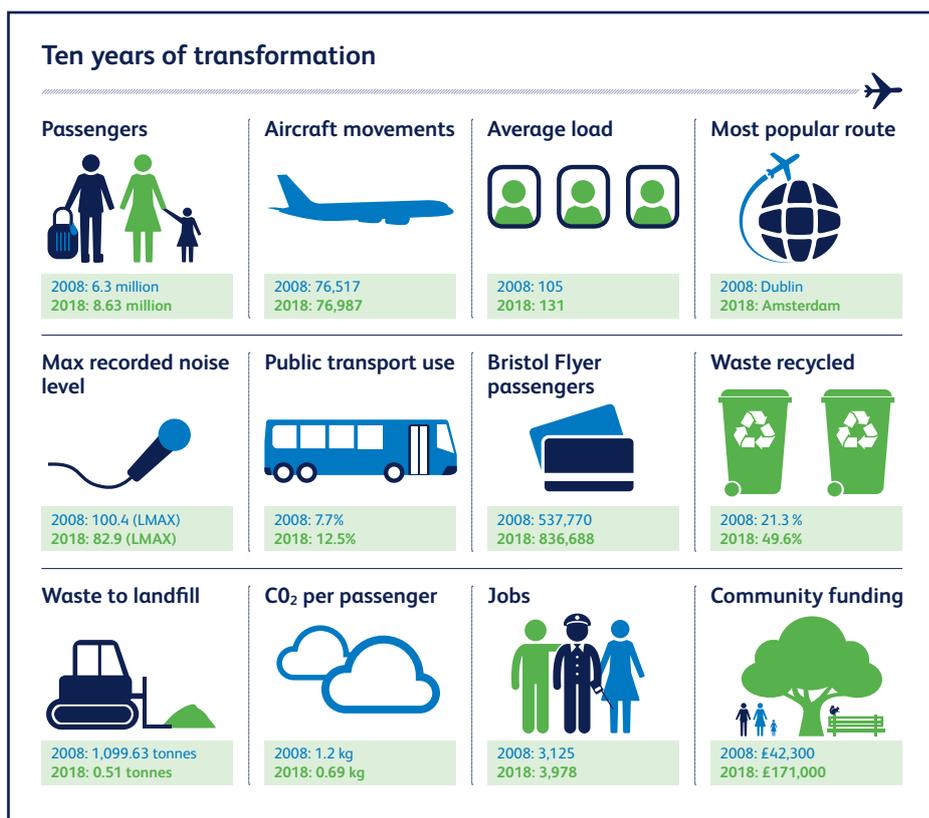
A £1.8 million fund for noise insulation will be made available to local residents as part of the development plans, with mechanical ventilation included in the scope for the first time to enable residents to keep windows closed in order to get the full benefit of acoustic double-glazing year-round. Look out for more details in future editions of Your Airport.



## Ten years of transformation

With plans for the next phase of development currently under consideration, the future benefits and impacts of Bristol Airport have been under the microscope. However, while planning for the future is important, it is also interesting to take a look back to see how the Airport has changed in recent years.

The publication of an Annual Monitoring Report, bringing together data from all areas of the Airport's operations, provides the opportunity to chart progress in key areas such as noise reduction, recycling and carbon emissions. The full report is available online at [www.bristolairport.co.uk](http://www.bristolairport.co.uk), but the infographic opposite shows just how far we have come in the last decade.



## Summer of sport at Bristol Airport

A busy summer of sport for the region kicked off in May when the Afghanistan squad flew to Bristol Airport for the Cricket World Cup. Afghanistan played its first fixture in the group stage of the competition against Australia at the County Ground in Bristol. Matches also took place in Taunton and Cardiff, putting the South West and South Wales at the heart of the action.



The Airport welcomed more world-class athletes in August when over 100 competitors flew in for Modern Pentathlon's European Championships which took place in Bath. The event was also a qualifier for the Tokyo Olympics.

Direct flights to more than 125 destinations, including 18 capital cities, makes Bristol Airport an invaluable facility for global sporting events in the region, as well as visits by amateur teams on tour. Whatever the sport, we always provide a warm West Country welcome to visiting athletes.

## New charity partnership lands at Bristol Airport

After an employee vote, Bristol Airport has unveiled Great Western Air Ambulance Charity (GWAAC) as its official charity of the year for 2019. The charity provides critical care and air ambulance services across the West of England and surrounding areas and is on call 365 days a year.

Fundraising activity is already in full swing, with initiatives including a team from the terminal tackling Mount Snowdon and raising £1,500 in the process. Some of those involved have direct experience of working with the GWAAC team when responding to first aid incidents, which helped spur them on during the climb.



## Airport backs community events

Bristol Airport has supported two of the biggest annual events on Bristol's calendar this year – Bristol Pride and the St Paul's Carnival.

Pride is Bristol's growing celebration of the LGBT+ community. For its 10th anniversary, Bristol Pride has a new location on the Downs. Taking place during the first fortnight in July, this year's event was the biggest yet, and Bristol Airport played its part by sponsoring the performance stage.

Having celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2018, the St Paul's Carnival is another much loved Bristol institution, celebrating African Caribbean culture in the city. This year's event took place on 6 July, with a float sponsored by Bristol Airport joining the procession through the streets of St Paul's.

Both are part of a busy calendar of events in the region which help to make it such a great place to visit, with the Airport well placed as a gateway for those travelling from further afield to attend.



## Recycling scheme takes off



A paper cup recycling initiative has prevented tonnes of waste going to landfill since being introduced at Bristol Airport. An estimated two million hot drinks a year are sold in the terminal, so finding a way to recycle the takeaway cups used has the potential to make a big difference. The new scheme sees cups segregated from other rubbish on site before being taken to a specialist facility to be reprocessed.

The cup recycling initiative is part of the Airport's commitment to send zero waste to landfill. Other initiatives include the installation of water bottle refill stations throughout the terminal and the introduction of compostable bags for liquids at security.

## Free waiting zone to tackle parking problems

Following calls for action from neighbouring communities, a free waiting zone for vehicles will open later this year. Located close to the entrance to the Silver Zone car park, it will provide free-of-charge drop off facilities for private vehicles and a waiting area for taxis. Frequent buses will make the five-minute journey between the terminal and the new facility.

The move is aimed at reducing the volume of cars waiting in local roads, lanes and laybys, an issue which featured prominently in feedback to recent consultations on future development plans.

The Airport will work with taxi and minicab operators to encourage drivers to use the new area rather than causing disturbance to residents in villages close to the Airport site.

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