

Question 1

Airport ACC question

“How many airport operations staff were furloughed while the scheme was in operation, and what % of their entire staff did this represent?’ How many flights took off & landed during this period and what % of flights continued to run during this period overall?”

Bristol Airport’s response

“This is a difficult question to answer as the numbers fluctuated throughout the duration of the scheme (from April 2020 to September 2021 inclusive) depending upon the travel restrictions and Government advice in place at any one time, and the changing rules of the Support Scheme. It should be noted that the number of employees reduced during this period by up to 30%.

Details are provided for the two periods when the highest numbers of colleagues were either furloughed or flexi-furloughed:

- During the first period of lockdown – 1 Apr-30 June 2020 – 206 colleagues were furloughed representing circa 56% of the workforce, whilst the remainder were on short time working.*
- From 15 Feb-31 Mar 2021, when we operated out of Aviation House rather than the Terminal, 165 colleagues were either furloughed or flexi-furloughed, representing circa 62% of the reduced workforce.”*

Total number of flights per month (GA and Commercial)

	Air traffic movements	
	2020	2021
January	4759	906
February	4741	821
March	3461	926
April	307	1431
May	422	1696
June	550	2431
July	2234	3367
August	3688	4273
September	3714	4506
October	2610	4547
November	1196	3505
December	1663	3721

Question 2

When will Bristol Airport's CAP1616 Airspace review plan be made public? When and how will the public consultation on this proposal take place?

Stage 2 of Bristol Airport's Airspace Change Programme Stakeholder engagement sessions (2) were held in November 2021.

All details of Bristol Airport's Airspace Change Programme can be found on the website [Airspace Change | Airspace Modernisation | Bristol Airport](#) with additional information provided on the CAA's Airspace Change Portal [Airspace change process | Civil Aviation Authority \(caa.co.uk\)](#). In line with the requirements of CAP1616, all of the Stage 2 information will be uploaded to that portal on or around the 28th January, our submission date for Stage 2.

During 2022 Stage 3 consultation sessions will commence and dates for this work are yet to be determined.

Question 3

"My young son flies to Glasgow quite often for his job, and so I have duly been using the waiting car park to drop & collect him from, which you rightly encourage everyone to use as the free shuttle bus operates regularly. Shortly after opening this car park strangely you suspended the bus stops outside the waiting area....why? It means all travellers are taken straight into the car rental area, which involves a 'hike' back for anyone being collected. This is ridiculous when the bus stop is right there, and makes us wonder if this is done for inconvenience so people will pay the £5 drop off fee! The last time I collected him from the 6pm flight, it was naturally dark & not a nice night. It is also not a pleasant walk back to the waiting zone, so any females....and men for that matter, could feel really vulnerable."

Airport response:

"Like other UK airports, Bristol Airport has been significantly impacted by the pandemic and this price increase is a commercial decision to reduce financial losses.

"The cost of using our 'Drop & Go' car park for a ten-minute stay increased from £4 to £5 in November 2021, reflecting our intention for this area to see a rapid turnover of vehicles rather than longer stay lengths, which causes congestion within the confined number of spaces available. Higher costs will be placed on 'kiss and fly' journeys to the airport, which are the most inefficient form of transport and the highest generators of car traffic, we are encouraging the use of more sustainable forms of transport to and from the Airport, including public transport.

“Customers who are dropping off family and friends who have a Blue Badge, will continue to be able to use the Drop & Go area for 30 minutes free of charge.

“Customers have a choice of other car parking options including the free one-hour Waiting Zone. Drivers can wait for 60 minutes free of charge in this area, before relocating to the collect customers from the car parks closer to the terminal. A courtesy bus transfer bus service is also available between the Waiting Zone and terminal. Due to the reduced flight schedule and passenger numbers, the bus stop for the Waiting Zone is located by the Car Rental area with a dedicated pedestrian route removing the need to cross roadways, therefore is a safer alternative for customers with luggage, this location also provides best use of resources and reducing unnecessary bus journeys by combining both bus stops. This decision will be reviewed as passenger numbers begin to return to pre-pandemic numbers.”