

Airport Consultative Committee

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS WORKING PARTY

28th April 2026 @ 10.00 hours,

Meeting held at Lulsgate House and virtually using Microsoft Teams

Approved Minutes of the Meeting

Present:

David Hall, Chairman (DH)

Hannah Pollard, Head of Sustainability, Bristol Airport (HP)

Beth Wingfield , Bristol Airport (BW)

Sundar Muthuganesan, Bristol Airport (SM)

Stuart B, Bristol Airport (SB)

Jill Patch, Winford Parish Council (JP)

Hilary Burn- Cleeve Parish Council (HB)

Shaun Luckham- Wrington Parish Council (SL)

Dee Mawn, North Somerset Council (DM)

Alicia Fox- secretary

Rona Luckham

- **Apologies for absence**

Joachim Steinbach, PCAA (JS)

Lindsay Howe North Somerset Council (LH)

- **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10th February 2026**

The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

- **Matters arising from previous meetings**

Agreed the Airport would respond to questions within two weeks of the meeting. One outstanding action was around construction and drainage plans which will be addressed by the presentation.

- **General and carbon update: Hannah and Sundar**

HB- Asked if the noise mitigation scheme is open now?

HP- Yes, the first window is open until 1st June 2026.

HB- Why is Hydrogen not being developed under the 15mppa scheme?

HP- The development is covered under the Master Plan as unsure on timescales. Wanting to future proof for the development site needed for Hydrogen so that they can develop when the time is right.

DH- Is David Eccles able to come and talk about Hydrogen? An update on the status of Hydrogen being bought forward as a fuel source for the Airport would be appreciated.

HP- Can reach out to him and ask if he can come and talk on Hydrogen Southwest project. Or could find an alternative appropriate person to offer an update.

HB- Concerns around the biodiversity impacts of the ringfenced land for a potential Hydrogen site. She requested some idea of timescales.

JP- Sustainable Aviation Fuel update would also be appreciated.

HB- Also requested a talk on Carbon offsetting.

SL- Is the net zero target for the Airport operations dealing with passengers going through the terminal or the aviation side too?

SM- Confirmed the target was for the terminal and the running of the Airport.

SL- What was means for the 30% gas reduction?

SM- Inputting the air source heat pumps and reducing the gas boilers. The site now only has one gas boiler.

SL- Was there a converse increase in electric consumption?

SM- Yes it increased by around 14%.

HB- The onsite operations emission reductions are fantastic but it is disappointing that the Airport facilitate scope 3 emissions.

HP- Believes the Airport Carbon Accreditation standards will be looking at scope 3 targets and it will form part of the reporting.

SM- Shareholders have asked the Airport to start reporting and reducing scope 3 emissions.

HB- Can the ground noise plan be shared?

HP- As soon as it has been approved by NSC, hopefully it will be within the next couple of weeks and can be an item for the July EEWP meeting.

DM- Provided the link for the members to access the Bristol Airport page on the North Somerset Council website: <https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/planning-building-control/planning-applications/bristol-airport-proposals>

Slides are attached as Appendix A

- **Environmental update: Beth**

Slides are attached as Appendix B

JP- Said she was amazed at the number of people who have not applied to the noise mitigation scheme.

HB- Advised she made a noise complaint two months ago but no response. Does a helicopter coming in at night count as a night movement?

BW- Will investigate this as unsure.

HB- Received a complaint from a resident in Long Ashton about aircraft turning at a higher point which caused a noise disturbance. Response received said it was pilots' preference and allowed as over the height limit.

BW- Will investigate this and will issue a response if team can find the specific complaint.

HB- Said she had requested decibel levels on certain flights and was still waiting for the information.

BW- Confirmed she has started looking into this request and will share as soon as possible.

BW- Requested more details about ground noise. Advised she is happy to come to Cleve and Winford to get a better understanding of the noise impact.

HB- When there is an easterly wind, the ground noise is horrendous. With the Western apron expanding even with an acoustic fence, it will be awful. She believes both ends of the runway are not monitored correctly.

HP- Noise consultants lead on the noise aspects of the planning application and measurement of ground noise management. The consultants work with all the main London Airports.

DH- Said it was necessary to acknowledge the ambition of the Airport to expand is a fact and therefore the quality of life of those living in the area will have changed. The idea of the committee having someone attend to discuss noise is a good idea. Changing the little things and being constructive is the only way things will improve and move forward. Need to find things that are not being done properly and look to get them working more efficiently.

HB- Agrees with DH but feels there should be some compensation for residents regarding the night flights as they do have health impacts and a negative impact to quality of life.

HP asked if HB and JP has had the mobile ground noise monitors at their properties?

HB advised she has had them previously but because everything is averaged out it does not take into account how bad the noise is at its worst.

DM- received reports on odor regarding the Airport and they can investigate but require the complainant to complete a diary sheet which they send out in order to investigate the issue effectively.

SL- Asked if the Airport litter pick could go as far as The Pound- in Redhill.

HP- You can put a request in and it can be looked into.

DM said she can look at how many curb side street cleaning requests were put in.

HB- requested the quarter 1 figures for ATM and dispensation numbers as they have not yet been published.

DM- Confirmed this has now been published on the NSC website.

• **Development Update - Stuart and Amy**

Presentation attached as Appendix C

SL when a project is signed off, if there is an environmental impact is there remediation to the plan? For example, a runoff situation?

SB- would like to believe there would be no issues with drainage because they follow SUDs sustainable drainage.

HB- What happens with a build up of chemicals, do they go into surface water?

SB- the SUDS have membranes and barriers which filtrates any chemicals before it goes into the water table.

HP- There is an agreement with Wessex Water for the water from the car rental or fire station, this water goes to a specific treatment facility through various drainage networks where it will be treated. There are three separate drainage systems on site- foul, rain and drain.

SL- Asked if there security in place for the energy centre?

SB- Yes there is security in place.

JP- Will the bridge remain in place once construction is completed?

SB- No the bridge will go as it will become internal. Bridge is a temporary system to allow access for the work to be carried out.

HB-What standard is the carparking floor designed to withstand?

SB- Confirmed it can withstand the 1 in 150 rating.

SL- Is there a timeline for energy centre?

SB- They would like it to be live by November 2026, criticality by February 2027.

SL- Can you use the current pipeline?

SB- No it is a completely different network, new pipes will be installed to also reach airside and make it future proof.

- **AOB topics for future sessions**

8th July- Visit to Sortation Yard

Hydrogen update

Carbon offsetting

Sustainable aviation fuel

AMR

Ground noise report

- **Dates for future Meetings 2026:**

8th July 2026- 10.00-11.30

6th October 2026 10.00-11.30