



## Parish Council

12 October 2020

Rt Hon Grant Shapps  
Secretary of State for Transport, Aviation Policy & Reform,  
Zone 1/25,  
Great Minster House,  
33 Horseferry Road,  
London,  
SW1P 4DR

Dear Mr Shapps

### **Objection to Compulsory purchase order on Plot 21 on the western boundary of the Felton Hill Common Land area owned by Highways, England**

I write on behalf of Chew Magna Parish Council as Vice Chairman.

As you will be aware from the Bristol Airport Statement of Reasons, Bristol Airport planning application for growth to 12 mppa was refused by North Somerset Council and there is to be an Appeal. The planning reference is 18/P/5118/OUT. The CPO is premature to the Appeal as the Highway works to the A38 and Downside Road are primarily to accommodate additional traffic generated by the additional 2 mppa.

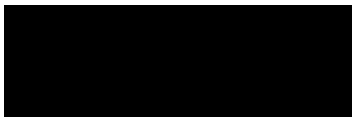
We object to the CPO as it looks as though Bristol Airport is assuming the Inspectorate will overturn the refusal decision. To grant permission for the CPO before the Appeal would be pre-determining the outcome of the Appeal.

Plot 21 falls within and on the western boundary of the Felton Hill Common Land area and is owned by Highways, England. Although under Highways ownership, Plot 21 may still be Common Land. Until this is determined, it should be assumed that Plot 21 is Common Land and that Replacement Land is necessary. We note that the Airport has made more enquiries and is still waiting to hear from Commons Registration Authority.

In the event that this CPO was granted before the appeal is heard then this would have implications for the appeal, as it would be examined under the draft 106 Agreement and play a part in the Appeal process. The CPO covers Highways Works, which are subject to a draft 106 Agreement.

Chew Magna Parish Council like many other parish councils the area are concerned as there is no clear explanation in the Statement of Reasons about who will own the Highways land on completion of the works.

Yours sincerely



 Nick Scholefield  
Vice Chairman