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Dear Mr Shapps

Bristol Airport Limited (Land at A38 and Downside Road) Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO)  
2020

I am writing after the official deadline for comment, since this deadline was badly publicised and unreasonably tight, given the complications of the pandemic on daily life.

The CPO application is clearly premature for the following reasons :

1. The Airport planning application (reference is 18/P/5118/OUT) for growth from 10 million to 12 million passengers per annum (mppa) was refused by North Somerset Council on 10th February 2020. The Airport is appealing this rejection and the date for the resulting Public Inquiry has yet to be decided.
2. the Highway works to the A38 and Downside Road are primarily to accommodate additional traffic generated by the additional 2 mppa, so Bristol Airport is clearly anticipating that the Inspectorate will rule in its favour.
3. the CPO covers Highways Works which are subject to a draft 106 Agreement. The draft 106 Agreement will be examined and play a part in the Inquiry process and may therefore change under the examination process.

To sum up, the application is premature in the light of the upcoming Public Inquiry and should be rejected.

Yours sincerely

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