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The Secretary of State for Transport  
Aviation Policy & Reform  
For the attention of Grant Shapps



Re The Bristol Airport Limited(land at A38 and Downside Road) Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO)2020

I live in Congresbury, North Somerset. I recognise that Bristol Airport brings many benefits to North Somerset but these are balanced out by its impact on the environment and the health and wellbeing of people who live in the surrounding area. I was therefore alarmed to hear that Bristol Airport is applying for a compulsory purchase order for the land bordering the A38.

This feels like the latest in the relentless attempt by an overseas company to pursue profit at the expense of the environment and the health and wellbeing of the people who live in this area.

Bristol Airport's application to expand was rejected by North Somerset Council on the grounds that an increase in flights would harm the environment and be detrimental to health and wellbeing. This decision was supported by local Members of Parliament and parish councils and community groups. This was followed by an application for coordinator status which would lead to an increase in night flights. Local communities are already oppressed by current night flights. The application for coordinated status assumes an increase in capacity which will not happen without expansion.

Inadequate transport links was only one of the reasons for the rejection of the airport's expansion. They are appealing the rejection of their expansion plans and I am concerned that this 'land grab' will distort the coming appeal and detract for the many good reasons for rejecting their application. More worryingly, it implies that the owners of the airport assume they will ultimately have their way, irrespective of the democratic decisions that the expansion should not go ahead.

I urge you to look at the background to this. Our local MP John Penrose should be able to give you a full picture of what has been going on around here.

Yours sincerely

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