



# Your airport

## Plans for long-term sustainable growth set to continue 60 year success story

Bristol Airport has submitted a planning application to North Somerset Council seeking permission to increase capacity to handle up to 12 million passengers a year by the mid-2020s.

Passenger numbers are expected to pass the nine million mark for the first-time next year. The proposed development includes new infrastructure, improvements to existing facilities, and operational changes to ensure the airport can continue to meet demand for air travel well into the next decade. Annual traffic through the terminal is limited to 10 million passengers under the current planning permission.

The proposals represent the first practical step towards an exciting vision to develop the region's international gateway to serve up to 20 million passengers a year by the mid-2040s. This ambition was set out as part of last year's 60th anniversary celebrations and has been the subject of two stages of public consultation as a new Master Plan for the airport takes shape.

Under the new plans, the terminal will be further enlarged, with the additional space providing expanded passenger and baggage facilities. A canopy extension over a pedestrianised forecourt will improve the approach to the front of the building.

The number of on-site multi-storey car parks will increase to three,

with a new loop road layout to improve traffic flow within the airport site. An extension to the popular Silver Zone, which offers the best prices for on-site car parking, is also proposed to meet demand from passengers and help to prevent overspill into local villages.

Improvements will be made to airside infrastructure, including a new taxiway link to allow improved access to the runway for aircraft. The annual cap on night flights, which limits movements between 11:30 and 06:00 to a total of 4,000, will not be increased - although the airport is seeking to remove seasonal restrictions which stipulate how this quota must be distributed between summer and winter.

Local highway improvements are also proposed to ensure the additional volume of passenger journeys can be accommodated. These focus on the A38 junctions with West Lane and Downside Road.

Development will be accompanied by a new Section 106 Agreement which will mitigate the impacts of the plans. This is likely to include obligations around surface access, noise and other local impacts.



## View from the CEO



Following consultation with the local community, airline customers, passengers and other stakeholders, these plans set out sustainable development to meet demand for air travel to and from the South West and South Wales over the next decade. They will help deliver more routes, destinations and jobs.

“These plans are a practical step to ensuring your airport continues to connect our region to the world, providing a gateway for business, investment and tourists. At the same time, we have sought to minimise and mitigate any impacts on the local community and environment, building on our track record of investment in surface access improvements and supporting our local community.

Dave Lees  
Chief Executive Officer

## Your questions answered

The planning application is available in full on North Somerset Council's web site ([www.n-somerset.gov.uk](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk)) by searching for the application reference number 18/P/5118/OUT. A copy can also be viewed on request at the Hampton-by-Hilton hotel at Bristol Airport. Including several supporting documents, it runs to many thousands of pages so we can't cover every element in this newsletter. That's why we have focused on answering the following 'Frequently Asked Questions':



**Q: What development is being proposed in the planning application?**

A: Under the plans, the terminal will be further enlarged to create additional space for passenger and baggage facilities, and a canopy extension will be created over a pedestrianized forecourt. A third multi-storey car park will be constructed to the north of the terminal, served by a new loop road layout to improve traffic flow. Silver Zone will be extended to the south using land already in the airport's ownership, and local highway improvements will focus on the A38 junctions with West Lane and Downside Road. Improvements to airside infrastructure will include widening of aprons and new taxiways.

**Q: How many passengers does Bristol Airport currently handle in a year?**

A: Approximately 8.7 million passengers are expected fly in and out of Bristol Airport in 2018. Forecasts suggest this will increase to more than nine million in 2019, reaching the current cap of 10 million passengers a year by 2021. Raising this limit to 12 million passengers a year would provide headroom for growth to meet forecast demand to 2026.

**Q: Where will this forecast growth come from?**

A: Demand for air travel is set to grow by 34 per cent by 2030 according to Department for Transport forecasts. As more destinations become available at greater frequency, passengers from the South West who currently use airports outside the region are expected to choose to fly to and from their regional airport instead.

**Q: How many additional flights will this result in?**

A: Annual aircraft movements (arrivals and departures) are expected to reach 97,393 at 12 million passengers per annum – an increase of just over 23,800 compared to the total number of flights in 2017 and just over 10,000 more than forecast at 10 million passengers a year. This represents a 12 per cent increase in flights compared to a 20 per cent increase in passengers over the same period, as the average size of aircraft operating at Bristol continues to increase.

**Q: Will there be more night flights?**

A: The total number of night flights (arrivals and departures between 11.30 and 06.00) is forecast to increase to 3,993 by 2026, remaining within the current annual limit of 4,000.

**Q: Will there be more night flights in the summer?**

A: The airport is seeking to remove seasonal restrictions which stipulate how the annual movement limit of 4,000 night flights can be distributed between summer and winter. Forecasts predict there will be four additional flights per night during the peak summer period by 2026.

**Q: What impact will the proposed development have on the environment and local communities?**

A: The planning application includes detailed assessments of environmental impacts and development will be accompanied by a new Section 106 Agreement which will mitigate impacts identified. This likely to include obligations around surface access, noise and more.

**Q: What are the benefits of the proposed development?**

A: As well as connecting businesses to new markets, enabling tourists to visit the region and supporting inward investment, Bristol Airport is also a major local employer. Just under 4,000 people currently work on the airport site. This is expected to rise by more than 1,000 by the time the airport is handling 12 million passengers a year. Development is forecast to generate additional benefits of £1.4 billion to the regional economy over the next decade. Connectivity provided by flights to and from Bristol also helps friends and families stay in touch and enables local people to enjoy different cultures, climates and experiences.

**Q: Will there be job opportunities for local people?**

A: A skills and employment plan will include a focus on highlighting opportunities for local people, including working with local schools and colleges. As well as creating jobs in local towns and villages, it is

estimated that development to 12 million passengers will support an additional 100 jobs for people in Weston-super-Mare and a further 90 in south Bristol.

**Q: What are you doing to address parking issues in local communities?**

A: We intend to develop proposals for an authorised waiting area and will contribute towards the cost of implementing on-street parking controls where communities support their introduction.

**Q: What are your targets to reduce carbon emissions?**

A: We have succeeded in reducing carbon emissions year-on-year and have stated our ambition to be carbon neutral by 2030. The scope of this will include third-party emissions, such as those generated by aircraft on the ground. Emissions from flights will be subject to an international agreement, the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA).

**Q: How does this relate to the airport's Draft Master Plan?**

A: Government's recommend that airports produce Master Plans to help inform the local planning process and provide transparency for local communities and businesses. When published next year, Bristol Airport's Master Plan will provide an overview of long-term development opportunities looking as far ahead as 2050, by which time demand is forecast to reach around 20 million passengers a year. Development proposed on this planning application will be consistent with this long-term vision and is a practical first step intended to make best use of the existing site.

**Q: What happens next?**

A: North Somerset Council will publish full details of the planning application on its web site and comments will be invited from statutory consultees and members of the public. The application will be considered by the Council's Planning & Regulatory Committee with determination expected within 16 weeks.

# What Bristol Airport will deliver at 12 million passengers a year



**£2.4 billion**  
in Gross Value  
Added (GVA)



**5,150 jobs**  
on site



**£380m** for the  
visitor economy



supported across  
the region

## LOCAL JOBS

for residents of  
neighbouring  
towns and villages,  
Weston-super-Mare  
and south Bristol



**£438 million**  
in time and  
cost savings to  
passengers

### Meet the team

For any other burning questions, we are holding two drop-in events at the Hampton-by-Hilton in January. Members of the airport team will be on hand to discuss the planning application and answer any queries or concerns.



### The dates for your diary are:

Tuesday 8 January – 5-7pm

Tuesday 15 January – 5-7pm



## Parking matters



Following a 'Parking Summit' which brought together Bristol Airport, the Police and concerned communities to discuss issues surrounding off-site car parking in local villages, several solutions are under consideration.

We are committed to developing proposals for an authorised taxi-waiting area to address the problem of vehicles causing a nuisance by waiting in residential areas. We are also open to providing a financial contribution towards the cost implementing on-street parking controls if such measures are supported by local communities.

In the meantime, a dedicated email address has been set up to which any community issues caused by off-site car parking can be reported – [communitycarparking@bristolairport.com](mailto:communitycarparking@bristolairport.com).

This will enable us to investigate in a timely manner, share details with partner organisations, and keep a record of incidents.

## Noise and track-keeping

Concerns about aircraft noise or track-keeping can be logged online at [www.bristolairport.co.uk/about-us/environment/noise-management](http://www.bristolairport.co.uk/about-us/environment/noise-management) or by calling our noise complaints hotline on 01275 473799. Providing basic details by phone or online enables reports of disturbance to be investigated. All complaints are responded to and statistics on noise are reported on a quarterly basis to the Airport Consultative Committee.



## Meet the buyer

Local companies can find out how they can get involved in the latest developments at Bristol Airport at a 'Meet the Buyer' event being held on 10 January. Contractors currently working on construction projects such as the new administration building and multi-storey car park expansion will be on hand to discuss future opportunities. Find out more by emailing [yourairport@bristolairport.com](mailto:yourairport@bristolairport.com).



Visit our web site for more information on the planning application and how to comment on it: [www.bristolairport.co.uk/about-us/who-we-are/our-future](http://www.bristolairport.co.uk/about-us/who-we-are/our-future)

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