

BAAN

Dear All

Bristol Airport Ltd Appeal

Further to the CMC yesterday, BAAN now write as required by the inspectors to state their opinions on the issues concerning the conduct of this inquiry arising from today's meeting. We do not intend to repeat all the points agreed during the CMC, just the key issues arising from the Planning Inspector's Note of 3/3/21 and Womble Bond Dickinson's letter of the same date.

Womble Bond Dickinson's letter of 3/3/21

Item 3 of letter. We consider that if the inspectors, legal teams and experts are to be physically present, then the public should also be as would be the case in any other public inquiry (although we note of course that this depends on the progress of COVID between now and then). We support the inspector's suggestion of a 'principally physical event' but we consider that this needs to include the public.

Item 5 of letter. We respectfully do not agree with the wording proposed for climate change issues by either this letter or the inspector's note.

The third reason for refusal raised by the NSC planning and regulatory committee, as contained in the committee minutes for the meeting of 18 March 2020, is stated to be:

'The scale of greenhouse gas emissions generated by the proposed increase in passenger numbers would not reduce carbon emissions and would not contribute to the transition to a low carbon future and would exacerbate climate change contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework, policy CS1 of the North Somerset Core Strategy 2017 and the duty in the Climate Change Act 2008 (as amended) to ensure that the net UK carbon account for the year 2050 is at least 100% lower than the 1990 baseline'.

We respectfully do not consider that the suggested wording in para 10(g) of the inspectors' note (*'The extent to which the development would assist the move to a low-carbon future'*) or the proposal in the Womble Bond Dickinson letter (*'The effect of permitting the proposed development on the ability of the UK to meet its climate change obligations'*) fully reflects the complexity and breadth of this issue; either as expressed by councillors at the local planning committee or in the written reasons for refusal as quoted above.

Therefore, we would respectfully propose the following wording in substitution:

"The impact of the proposed development on greenhouse gas emissions and compatibility with national and local planning policies on climate change, national climate change law and the UK's international climate change commitments".

Item 10 of letter. In line with the inspectors' views as expressed in the CMC, we would like as much public involvement as possible in this inquiry. To that end, we

would request the opportunity for public comment at the end of each topic based session as well as at the beginning and end of the inquiry. We would also ask for some evening sessions to be arranged.

Planning Inspector's Note of 3/3/21

Para 10. Issues; as discussed above.

We are discussing our counsel's unavailable dates around the proposed two week break with her clerk and will revert on this issue shortly.

Best regards

Stephen Clarke