

October 30, 2019

Hilary Burn, Chair  
Parish Councils Airport Association  
Goblin Combe, Cleeve  
Bristol, BS49 4PQ

Dear Ms. Burn,

We acknowledge receipt of the Parish Council's letter dated October 21, 2019.

Thank you for sharing your concerns regarding the proposed expansion of Bristol Airport.

Environmental considerations play a pivotal role in everything we do. If you would like to learn more about our work in this area, you can read our recent reports on [Responsible Investing](#) and [Climate Change](#). Our Responsible Investing Report showcases how Brussels Airport has turned carbon neutral under Ontario Teachers' ownership, something Bristol Airport plans to emulate by 2025 (<https://www.bristolairport.co.uk/about-us/news-and-media/news-and-media-centre/2019/7/bristol-airport-carbon-roadmap>).

The following links may also be helpful in providing additional insight into Bristol Airport and answer some of your questions.

- Survey finds strong local support for expansion: Leading market research consultancy, ComRes, interviewed people in North Somerset's largest town to find out views on proposals to increase the capacity of Bristol Airport. Those supporting the Airport's plans outnumbered those opposing them by nearly four to one (59% vs 16%). (<https://www.bristolairport.co.uk/about-us/news-and-media/news-and-media-centre/2019/10/latest-poll-shows-weston-backs-bristol-airport-plans>)
- Research shows environmental benefits of increasing airport capacity: A new study has revealed that passengers from the South West of the UK could save 157,000 tons of carbon simply by making use of the region's major airport. Figures show that 7.8 million journeys a year are made using London airports by passengers travelling to and from South West England and South Wales (<https://www.bristolairport.co.uk/about-us/news-and-media/news-and-media-centre/2019/4/carbon-leakage>).
- Bristol Airport also recently switched to 100% renewable electricity. (<https://www.bristolairport.co.uk/about-us/news-and-media/news-and-media-centre/2019/9/bristol-airport-switches-to-100-per-cent-renewable-electricity>)

Sincerely,



Ron Mock  
President and Chief Executive Officer