

Dear Clerks/Delegates

I want to give an update on where we are on the airport issues. I am afraid there are quite a few issues. At the last meeting I spoke about a condition on the Silver Zone Land Phase - 1 known as 'Cogloop land'. A letter has now been sent to North Somerset Council on the matter and is attached. Mead Realisation application for the Junction 21 Park and Ride for 3,000 has submitted to the Council an enforcement complaint. Following a discussion with Richard Kent yesterday 6 November, I have received the following message '*A quick note as requested to confirm, as we discussed this afternoon, that the use of the seasonal car park at Cogloop has ceased. We had been informed of this by the airport but today carried out a site inspection to confirm that this was the case*'. This means that all 3,650 cars have been removed from 'Cogloop'. I now question where all the cars have gone! We know the month of November is quiet and they have lost two airlines this year Monarch and Thomas Cook. The next peak period is Christmas and if the airport wishes to use this land for car parking a full planning application should be submitted.

**Conditions on the 2009 application which we continue to monitor are below:**

- The Multi Storey Car Park 2 and Public Interchange has not been constructed in line with the timetable agreed in planning consent.
- Green belt land has been used for car parking and not in line with the timetable granted in planning consent.
- The public transport modal share remains at 15% at 12 mppa, the same as it was for the 10 mppa application in 2009. The airport simply has not achieved the modal split set out in planning consent. The modal split is currently 12.5% and at 12 mppa 85% of all transport to the airport will be car, massively impacting on communities and the environment.
- Night Movement Limit of 4,000 per annum (summer months 3,000 and winter months 1,000). The airport is determined to alter this condition to allow more summer flights.

**Permitted Development:**

Since consent was granted to the planning application 2009, there has been an erosion of the south side (in green belt) through the use of permitted development. The south side, in green belt, no longer can be described as green belt land. There have been countless permitted development applications including an aircraft stand, the new administration block and a fuel facility for the new car rental centre. Some of these applications no longer appear on the weekly planning list, thus we find it very hard to find out what development is taking place. We are currently responding to application 19/P/2584/AIN for an underground fuel facility for the car rental centre. This application is the latest application and simply does not reflect the urgent need for transformative change towards a low carbon economy. The airport should be urging all rental companies to move to electric vehicles.

**Early morning departure flights before 6.00 am**

As you know I sit on the Airport Consultative Committee (ACC). This committee meets quarterly and is for a transfer of information between the airport management team and communities. In 2016 early morning departure flights before 6 am commenced, there was an immediate spike in complaints to the Committee. The

management team has constantly stated that they were working with airlines to change the time of departure to after 6 am. The airport is now trying to fill the slots which depart before 6 am left by Thomas Cook. The community has been completely misled by the management team that they were working to remove early morning flights. The airport has no intention of removing early morning flights.

**Habitats Regulations Assessment:**

It is clear from the Environmental Statement (including addendums) that the proposed extension to the silver car parking zone will have significant effects on the foraging habitats of bats that roost in the vicinity of the site and within the adjacent North Somerset 11 and Mendip Bats SAC (**the Special Area of Conservation**). This is confirmed in the report to support the Habitat Regulations Assessment dated 5 September 2019 (**the HRA**) drafted by Sarah Dale for NSC. The HRA has concluded that there will not be a significant effect on the integrity of the SAC because suitable mitigation measures will be put into place so there will be no net loss of foraging habitat. This is because a mitigation plan set out in pages 23-26 of the HRA is to be put in place that would compensate for any habitat loss (as well as reduce effects such as light pollution). Yet Natural England has confirmed that **no** bat survey is required for the replacement land because it wasn't written in the Supplementary planning Document. I simply despair that those with responsibility cannot or will not request a further survey to see if there is adequate foraging on the replacement land.

**Ontario Teachers' letter:**

As requested, I wrote to the Chief Executive and we now have had a response. Both are attached. Personally, I feel that the letter was drafted by the Chief Executive, David Lees, from the airport and simply does not address the concerns raised. The recent poll carried out in Weston by ComRes used questions written by the airport. **(Since Hilary originally wrote this, we have received a letter direct from Dave Lees, - which is also attached JH)**

**Invitation from Bath and North East Somerset Council Meeting on 17 December:**

We have been asked to pass on this information to parishes in BANES and elsewhere. It is an open public meeting to give local people a bigger say. Discussion will be on the climate emergency, social housing and transport and other local issues. Financial challenges will be given that the Council face.

Date: 17 December 2019

Time 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm

Venue: The Banqueting Hall – First Floor, The Guildhall Bath

It would be very helpful if representatives from parishes in the Association could attend and highlight aviation emissions and transport emissions from Bristol Airport and the lack of public transport to the Airport.

**Addendum 13 – Parishes and Communities call for a Moratorium on Airport Expansion.**

The document is attached as well as a press article sent to various local papers on 5 November.

**Determination of the airport planning application:**

We had heard that the planning meeting was to be in early December but due to the election, it is more likely to be in January. We shall keep you informed.

Best wishes

Hilary