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Strong welcome for Bristol council's message on airport: don't increase carbon emissions

Campaigners from the Stop Bristol Airport Expansion group (SBAE) strongly welcomed the unanimous vote by Bristol City Council (BCC) tonight that any expansion of Bristol airport should not increase greenhouse gas emissions.

The motion passed by the BCC stated:

*....in line with the City Council's commitment to the Nottingham Declaration, which requires 60% cuts in greenhouse gas emissions, and also taking into account of the greater target of 80% cuts in greenhouse gas emissions introduced by the Climate Change Act 2008, this council believes that BIA should focus **on becoming economically and environmentally sustainable without further increasing emissions and other external impacts.***

SBAE spokesman Jeremy Birch said:

"We're happy the council has recognised that from today any future development of the airport should not increase greenhouse gas emissions. This means the airport should not be aiming to increase flights and passengers, but instead focus on becoming environmentally sustainable.

"We also welcome the councillors' insistence that Bristol airport must significantly improve public transport to minimise traffic congestion and noise pollution suffered by local residents, and their statement in the council chamber that high speed rail links are needed to ease transport issues caused by airport traffic."

BCC's motion also stated:

Council asks that Bristol International Airport in submitting any further planning application must demonstrate that significant and far-

reaching improvements in public transport for airport customers are to be secured, and also that any future plans should minimise any increase in congestion and noise pollution suffered by residents in the Bristol area.

The motion went on to instruct the council's officers to pass on these views to both the airport and North Somerset Council on behalf of Bristol City Council during the consultation due to follow the submission of Bristol airport's planning application later this month.

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