



## **Stop Bristol Airport Expansion Press Release**

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### **BANES Calls For Airport Expansion Plans to be Refused**

Campaigners today (Thursday) welcomed the decision by Bath and North East Somerset Council (BANES) to call for plans to expand Bristol International Airport to be refused because of climate change.

Councillors from the neighbouring authority voted in favour of a motion, proposed by 23-year-old councillor Nick Coombes, to inform North Somerset Council:

"That Bath and North East Somerset considers causes and effects of Climate Change should be a major consideration in a development of this nature and therefore recommends that the airport expansion application should be refused on these grounds."

The decision came as government advisers warned that continuing growth in flights would be not be possible, given the government's climate targets.

Hilary Burn, speaking for Stop Bristol Airport Expansion said:  
"BANES councillors are to be applauded for seeing sense over the airport's expansion plans. Climate change is the greatest threat facing the modern world, and dealing with its consequences will have a huge cost for the economy.

"With two of the airport's neighbouring authorities now objecting to the expansion plans, it is time the airport withdrew its application and cut back its plans so that it can fit in with economic and environmental realities"

BANES councillors also agreed that should the proposed airport expansion be given the go ahead, more funding would be needed to mitigate traffic on the B3130 around Chew Magna and that should be no increase in the number of night flights.

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