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NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT	
Date:	11 AUG 2009
Case No:	
Sub Area:	

Dear Sir

Bristol International Airport Ltd - Planning Application No. 09/02339/CONSULT

I am writing to you on behalf of Whitchurch Parish Council who feel it is inappropriate that any decision on this application should be made whilst the position with regards to the Regional Spatial Strategy is still pending, as this will have a major impact on the area and we feel one aspect must not be dealt with in isolation to the other.

In the event that the authority does decide to deal with this application at the present time we wish to raise the following points by way of objection.

Private car journeys

1. Even given the airports own figures there will be a significant increase in private passenger car journeys and we cannot find specific plans in the proposals to deal with this increase.
2. The existing infrastructure is wholly inadequate in any event. The A37 which runs through Whitchurch Village is already at saturation point and this is the recommended route to the airport from Somerset and Dorset.
3. Minor roads within the Village such as Maggs Lane are already overused as a rat run from the A37 to A38 via Whitchurch Lane, which in itself is already subject to major developments which will lead to increased traffic through residential areas.

Noise

1. We object to any increase in night flights, in view of the disturbance caused to residents in this parish with the present level of flights. We support the governments PPG24 Planning and Noise which states that 'residents may reasonably expect to sleep with their windows open sufficiently to provide adequate ventilation'
2. The day time flights also give rise to concern as the noise will be increased substantially if the proposals are implemented.
3. In view of the number of complaints made with regard to noisy and low level aircraft over the village, we remain to be convinced that air lines are making much attempt to adhere to existing rules including strict use of scheduled flight paths. As the tracker system used to monitor this by BIA has been out of action for many months, checks are obviously not been made in this respect. We have antidotal evidence that even when a complaint regarding noise levels is made by a resident it is not taken seriously by BIA as they receive no response to their complaint.

Yours faithfully

Mrs S Dyer
Parish Clerk

cc. B&NES Council