

Cleeve Parish Council response to Master Plan Consultation – Stage II Development Proposals and Options May 2018

Cleeve Parish Council fully endorses the PCAA response to the consultation. We have a few additional comments:

Section 1 - Growth to 2040:

It is impossible to make an informed comment on the timescale to 2040.

The implications from the issue of climate change are that at sometime point in time aviation emissions will have to be reduced rather than offset. This will lead to a curtailment in flights.

Funding for transport infrastructure might not be made be available and brought forward in the correct manner which ultimately means that local roads become more congested.

Consultation point design options:

Question A: The entrance gateway:

Cleeve Parish Council believes that our local roads and the A370 will become increasingly congested as the airport grows. The mass transit subject to an environmental assessment should be brought forward as well as increased bus services through villages on route to the airport.

Question B: The airport's boundary and public areas:

Cleeve Parish Council will oppose any removal of land within and allocation of land outside the boundary from green belt.

There needs to be a coherent off site parking strategy not on green belt land which allows independent operates to compete with Bristol Airport.

Question C: The airside platform extension to the airport's aviation infrastructure:

The airside platform will have severe implications of increased ground and air noise for some residents in Cleeve. These residents live on or close by to Cleeve Hill Road. The next growth to 12 mppa will impact residents across the A370 who live near Millier Road and Bishops Road. The background noise at times already extends beyond these areas. Please note that when the wind is Easterly residents already have no respite from noise all day now. This is due to background noise and arrival flights. An additional 23,800 flights per annum at 12 mppa will mean that there will be no respite at all. There will be a flight every two and a half minutes! Cleeve Parish Council request a compensation package is given to resident's living within the 54 dbL contour. At 20 mppa there will be even more flights!

We object to the change in condition being suggested on night time flying as this means more flights in the summer. Residents like to sleep with their windows open and to be able to sleep at night. The airport should restrict air transport movements to no more than 14 per night and work towards a night time ban.

Cleeve Parish Council highlights the paragraph from the PCAA.

In summary:

Further expansion makes it impossible to maintain the current quality of life for residents surrounding the airport. It is impossible to reduce noise impacts on residents as there will be a considerable increase in air transport movements leaving no respite during the day and night. We strongly argue that protection for designated sites for nature and conservation will only be weakened with the removal of green belt protection as the airport is very close to many SSSI sites. The rural landscape will disappear as will the tranquillity of the area and dark skies at night. There will be increased congestion on the road network.'

Section 2 - Towards 12 million passengers a year:

Cleeve Parish Council believes that a planning application being submitted this autumn is premature to the West of England examination in public and the consultation on the North Somerset Local Plan.

Q2: What comments do you have on our plans for increasing the airport's capacity from ten to twelve mppa?

The increase in flights as mentioned above will take away any respite from airport ground and air noise. A compensation package is required.

Cleeve Parish Council request that we are informed how many new aircraft such as the Airbus A320 neo and Boeing 737 MAX will be in situ at the airport at 10 mppa. We would like an assurance that they will be carrying out all the rotations throughout the day.

Cleeve Parish Council objects to the change in condition in night time flying. See above.

Surface access improvements should be delivered before growth commences after 10 mppa. This includes bringing forward many new multi storey car parks to avoid car parking on local roads such as Millier Road and Cleeve Drive in Cleeve and using further green belt land. Congestion will likely to increase on all roads surrounding the airport.

Cleeve Parish Council would like to be informed of any changes to the Public Safety Zone located here in the village.

Cleeve Parish Council is home to the roost for the Greater and Lesser Horseshoe Bat in King's Wood. We are concerned that increased aircraft movements at night will impact on the roost and their foraging. Goblin Combe is also in our parish. Goblin

Combe is a very popular walking spot. The tranquillity of Goblin Combe will be lost with increased aircraft movements. There is a risk that due to increased nitrogen deposition from increased aircraft movements and vehicle movements that there will be a change to the nature of the vegetation which is rare.

Q3: Highways improvements to the A38; public transport access to the airport; improvements considered for 12 mppa:

Any improvements should be put in situ before growth beyond 10 mppa is allowed.

Bristol Airport must fund the improvements to the A38 at Downside Road and West Lane as it is directly related to a private developer and not related to housing and other development.

Cleeve Parish Council believe there will gridlock at the key entrances to Bristol from the A370 and A38 and impacts to local residents of local roads becoming rat runs.

Q4: Comments on how we should manage the effects of our proposals on the environment and local communities?

A large compensation package is required for residents who are going to have no respite from ground and air noise.

Public transports systems such as bus services should be brought forward.

It is difficult to answer this question as ultimately the quality of life for residents and the environment in Cleeve is going to deteriorate.