

Flax Bourton Parish Council Response to Bristol Airport Development Plan

Flax Bourton Parish Council is generally supportive of any further growth in throughput that the airport is able to achieve. It is supportive of improvements to the A38 and the new junction on the M5 that will take airport traffic away from the A370 which is already at capacity. It is also supportive of improving the railway line. However, this support is conditional on significantly more information and consultation on the following aspects:

- Ground connectivity – details including route options on the proposed improvement to A38 and any other road connectivity. Traffic volumes through Flax Bourton on the A370 are already significant and the impact of increased road access to the airport needs to be assessed.
- Details of any proposed increase in Metrobus connections.
- Fuel Storage - details of a decision on increased fuel supply capacity; in particular, if this includes a pipe line choice.
- Parking – the use of illegal parking sites and parking in the residential streets of local villages needs to be solved. Something is wrong if it is cheaper for passengers to park in a local village and call taxis rather than park at the airport.
- Infrastructure Funding – a “watertight” funding source for access improvements needs to be in place before any implementation of the “Master Plan”.