

Dear Member

We are in the middle of a very busy planning period. Please forgive yet another email, but a consultation regarding the expansion of Bristol airport may have slipped under your radar! We also reiterate the deadline for comments on the Joint Spatial Plan, and mention an event at Backwell Lake tomorrow.

Joint Spatial Plan (JSP) This has been the subject of several email bulletins, with a reminder that the deadline for comments is next **Wednesday 10th January**. Numbers of comments are important, so please make your views known. Details of the issues are given on the BRA website <http://www.backwellresidents.org.uk/> with links to other material. 700 extra houses in Backwell is a huge number for our village.

Backwell Resistance has asked us to publicise an event they are organising at **Backwell Lake tomorrow**, Sunday 7th, between 2pm and 4pm. They are hoping to assemble enough people to hold hands and complete a circle round the lake at 2.30pm. The whole purpose of this event is to attract publicity to encourage everyone to submit a comment on the JSP by Jan 10th, with the assistance of the media that have agreed to cover the event (press, radio and TV).

Bristol Airport This large regional airport handled 8 million passengers in 2017, and embarks on new expansion plans regularly (numbers grew by 10% in 2016 for example). The airport has calculated that by the mid 2040's passenger demand could have risen to 20 million a year. They are now inviting the public to comment on how they might satisfy this demand, and have arranged for public drop-in events to explain these. Some have already taken place. Of the remaining ones the following are nearest to Backwell.

Tuesday 9th Jan Cleeve Village Hall 2pm - 5pm

Monday 15th Jan Backwell Parish Hall 12pm - 3pm

The consultation document gives 3 different ways in which the demand could be met in terms of land use, terminals, parking etc., and assumes that the transport infrastructure can be provided to achieve this, and land acquired where necessary. The 3 scenarios vary in their impact on the A38 and Downside Road.

Please note:

- the consultation is organised by Bristol Airport, and is a first step in what will be a long process
- the information is shown on their website <https://www.bristolairport.co.uk/about-us/news-and-media/news-and-media-centre/2017/11/bristol-airport-seeks-public-views-as-it-plans-for-the-future>

- there will be opportunities for further comments to be made to the airport, and to North Somerset Council whenever planning permission is sought.
- the deadline for comments on this first plan is Friday 26th Jan.

We thought that members would welcome the chance to see the possible impact of continuing growth at Bristol Airport.

Best wishes
From your BRA Committee

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