

**Airport report for Chew Magna Parish Council meeting
on 5 March 2024**

Donation to Judith Hoskin retirement gift.

- Thank you to CMPC for making a donation to Judith Hoskin retirement gift She has been secretary of the PCAA for 18 years and has now retired.

North Somerset Local Plan 2039: Pre-submission Plan: removal of greenbelt from the Airport

Link to the consultation.

<https://n-somerset.inconsult.uk/NSLP2039PreSub/consultationHome>

- CMPC objected to the removal of Greenbelt from the Airport in NSC Local Plan to 2039 which was reported in the February Airport Report.
- On Monday 19 February Louise Leeder (Chair, PCAA) and Joachim Steinbach (Deputy Chair, PCAA) had an online meeting with Sir Liam Fox when concern was expressed about North Somerset Local Plan 2039: pre-submission plan to the removal of Greenbelt from the Airport.
- On 28 February 2024 Sir Liam emailed Jo Walker, the Chief Executive of NSC as follows:

“Dear Jo,

I am writing, following discussions with a number of constituency groups, about two issues relating to Bristol Airport and the current local plan.

Firstly, I would like to make clear my objection about any plan to take Bristol Airport out of the greenbelt.

As you know, I have been opposed to any development in the greenbelt and have, usually, opposed any movement of greenbelt within a specific geographical area. There have been exceptions to this (such as the movement of greenbelt within Nailsea to allow building at the Elms, Wraxall) when there is clear local support and benefit to local constituents. When it comes to moving the airport out of the greenbelt, I can see that this would be of benefit to Bristol Airport and to planning officers as it would remove a number of obstacles from decision making in the future. Neither of these, in my view, warrants a change to the current policy position.

Secondly, the plan does not make sufficient provision for improvements to the plight of the many villages in my constituency (including Tickenham, where I live) in relation to the projected increase in passenger numbers.

In the period of the plan, there are likely to be further applications for even greater passenger numbers. While I appreciate that major improvements are not the sole responsibility of the council and that considerable external investment from Central Government would be required, it would be nice to see ideas about how this chronic situation might be improved in the future, for example by building our major park-and-ride close to the M5 which could at least limit vehicle movements by the improved use of shuttles to the airport itself. Current plans simply to provide more and more parking at the airport will only encourage more direct traffic movements to the airport itself, to the detriment of those living in the wider vicinity.

I look forward to hearing from you on these issues.

Best,
Liam

**The Rt Hon Sir Liam Fox MP
Member of Parliament for North Somerset”**