

Airport Report for Chew Magna Parish Council Meeting

On 6 October 2026

The next PCAA meeting will be held on Thursday 29 October at 7.30pm on line.

Save Felton Common News – October 2026

Airport Application Decision Delayed until 31/12/26?

North Somerset Council have just announced that their Planning Service & The Airport have agreed to extend the statutory period for determining the application until 31/12/26.

Planning Services are now reviewing all the comments and representations received during the consultation period and due to the scale of the application and volume of responses this is expected to take some time. Though the formal consultation period has now closed the **NSC will still accept and consider comments sent to them**. NSC may also request additional information from The Airport and if further consultation periods are required they will be published on the NSC Bristol Airport proposals webpage.

The application requires an environmental statement (ES) and it is understood that this has not been fully completed by The Airport. The target for deciding planning applications that need an ES is 16 weeks, although for large complex applications the time period can be longer to address any major issues.

Details of the decision-making process and time frame will be included on the NSC Bristol Airport proposals webpage in due course.

So, things still appear unclear and could be delayed further. **We would therefore ask everyone concerned to send as many new comments to the NSC portal as possible.** These are best personal, how The Airport affects you and what the proposals may mean. You might like to highlight growing national concerns about the growth of aviation such as- Sustainable Aviation and Industry body acknowledging concerns over ultra fine particulates (UFPs). The Aviation Environment Federation. Government forecasts of reductions in use of Sustainable Aviation Fuel and delays to Jet Zero and zero emission aircraft and lastly more questions about the viability of Heathrow's third runway.

On 09/09 some SFC members attended a No Airport Expansion Group Demonstration at The Houses of Parliament

Eyes on Bristol Airport

What's happening now?

[The document section of the North Somerset planning portal](#) now contains more than 70 consultation responses, objections, and town and parish council submissions, the vast majority of which oppose Bristol Airport's application to expand further.

These include detailed responses from Save Felton Common (SFC), BAAN (Bristol Airport Action Network), owners of Felton common Winford Parish Council (WPC), and the Parish Councils Airport Association (PCAA), which represents 25 parish councils and two town councils covering approximately 97,000 residents.

When combined with objections from Bath & North East Somerset Council, Bristol City Council, and South Gloucestershire Council, it is clear that the overwhelming majority of local opinion is against the proposal.

Importantly, many of these detailed submissions have identified **significant errors, omissions, and inconsistencies** within the Airport's application.

Under a normal planning process, NSC planning officers would assess the application and make recommendations to the Planning Committee, which would then be required to make a decision, potentially subject to confirmation by Full Council, within six months. This would have pointed to a decision by the end of October.

However, it is widely understood that such a timetable is unlikely in this case. Discussions are reportedly taking place between the Airport and NSC planners regarding the provision of additional and currently missing information. This could delay the process until late 2026 or even until early 2027. Such a delay is important because, without it, the Airport may seek a non-determination appeal, as has recently occurred at Luton Airport.

According to an article by [Somerset Confidential](#), a spokesperson for the airport told them "If the council seeks additional information from us, we will work to provide this as required. Our detailed planning application is necessarily complex and we are comfortable that NSC continues to review the material and the large number of consultation responses which have been submitted."

Somerset Confidential reporter James Garrett then asked the council when it might be in a position to determine the planning application. A spokesperson for NSC said, "We are continuing to assess all of the documentation we have received as part of the planning application process. We recognise there is interest in the timing of any decision and will share further information, when it becomes available, on our Bristol Airport application web page."

The situation may be further complicated by the North Somerset Council elections scheduled for 7 May 2027. The six-week pre-election period of 'heightened sensitivity', begins in mid-March 2027 and would restrict any major decision-making.

In addition, NSC's imminent membership of the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) may add further complexity and political considerations to the decision-making process.

The situation remains complex and continually evolving.

Along with SFC, we are encouraging everyone to make their views known to national and local politicians, councils, and any other relevant organisations (as well as in the media).

[View](#)

Anti-aviation campaign targets Parliament

Wednesday 9th September. Westminster.

A cross-party group of MPs joined anti-aviation campaigners from around the country at Parliament to send a clear message to the PM, Andy Burnham, demanding that he reject the proposal for a 3rd runway at Heathrow and stop airport expansion in the UK.

Bristol campaigners from BAAN and Save Felton Common were well represented with various banners and it was great to see a group of Landing Crew adding colour to the proceedings and a choir ('Raised Voices') adding their harmony to the event.

The event was organised by Possible, Flight Free UK and the No Airport Expansion group with campaigners representing Heathrow, Gatwick, City Airport, Stansted, Farnborough, Leeds/Bradford, Bristol and others.

The message to the Prime Minister included highlighting the Govt's own figures showing that expanding Heathrow would result in a **£62bn loss to the economy**, not the riches that the airport promoters claim.

Words: Steve Clarke Photos: Richard Baxter

The Governemnt's own figures referred to above are in the [Heathrow Economic Appraisal Report \(HEAR\)](#) which calculates the £62billion **cost** of Heathrow (see the executive summary & Appendix B) once all factors have been considered.