Parish Councils Airport Association

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Aims and Objectives

Of this Parish Councils Airport Association
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1. To minimise the adverse effects the operation of Bristol International Airport has on residents of communities in the region, and on the wider environment, whilst recognizing that the airport brings some benefits to the region.

2. To provide a forum for the discussion of all aspects of activities at the airport for all affected parishes.

3. To maintain effective communication with senior management at the airport with a view to minimising the adverse impact of the airport's activities on local communities.

4. To recognize and support proper complaints brought by residents regarding either the environmental aspects or the operational impact on the surrounding area.

5. To monitor proposed developments at the airport, collating views of Parish councils in planning or other matters, seeking inclusion of appropriate planning conditions, and making representations to all the relevant regulatory bodies.

6. Monitoring developments at the airport to see that work is carried out in accordance with planning approval.

7. To monitor noise and air pollution levels and other environmental statistics

8. To keep up to date with research and published material on airports and comment on them as appropriate

9. To respond to the needs of particular Parish Councils or the wider community on issues or matters of concern caused by the airport operations.

10. To work with Bristol Airport, the Airport Consultative Committee, the Bristol Airport Transport Forum and the Airport Surface Access Steering Group, to achieve the aims of the PCAA.

History and aims of the Parish Councils Airport Association

History:
On 30th April, 1971 the inaugural meeting of the Parish Councils (Airport) Committee was held in Wrington and attended by delegates from Wrington, Cleeve, Backwell, Blagdon, Winford, Congresbury and Shipham/Winscombe, Yatton's representative being unable to attend that evening.
Barrow Gurney joined later that year, attending a meeting on 1st December.

Three issues which led to the Committee's formation were:

1. Concern about aircraft noise – particularly at night.
2. Opposition to the extension of the existing airport facilities, and any extension of the main runway across the A38.
3. Operation (Finance and Control)

Subsequently, the Committee's name was changed to the Local Councils (Airport) Committee. Members, apart from the above, included Burrington, Butcombe, Chew Magna, Dundry, Long Ashton, Locking, Kingston Seymour, Nempnett Thrubwell, Loxton and Tickenham.
At a meeting on 28th September 1989, the Local Councils (Airport) Committee agreed to change its name to the Parish Councils Airport Association in order to encompass groups such as the Parish Councils' airport action committees.

Present-day:

Since 1971 a number of additional factors have arisen which are of concern to Parishes affected in varying degrees by the Airport, such as:

- Road Traffic to and from the Airport.
- The expansion of Airport-related activities into Green Belt land.
- The expansion of marginally Airport-related activities at the Airport.
- Air and light pollution.
- The impact of carbon emissions.
- The impact on the environment.
- Biodiversity.
- Consultative Committee: Whilst the Parish Councils have regained one of the five places lost following a review by airport management, they represent a small minority voice for local people and the environment on the committee.

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