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dens Ciaus,

Thank you for your letters of 18 and 25 March 2019 about plans for the expansion of Bristol Airport (reference:18/P/5118/OUT).

This planning application is being considered by North Somerset Council, as you mention, and it will take account of all representations it receives including from your constituents. However, I understand that if the council resolves to grant planning permission, the application will be referred to me under the Town and Country Planning (Consultation) (England) Direction 2009. A small proportion of applications that an authority proposes to allow have to be referred to me to see whether or not I wish to call them in for my own decision.

I hope you will understand that I cannot comment on the issues you have raised because I must avoid prejudicing my role should the application be referred or should an appeal be made against a refusal of permission.

Please note that your correspondence could be released to a third party should a request be made under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 or the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Any personal data of a constituent or other third party will in such cases be removed in order to comply with the Data Protection Act.

My officials will inform you of the outcome in due course.

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RT HON JAMES BROKENSHIRE MP

PS- 1 appreciate ya bringing this application to my attention.