

Dear Councillor

I know that Wakefield Council wants to tackle the climate emergency. I also know that soon, Leeds Bradford airport will seek permission to build a new passenger terminal and extend flying times by 90 minutes every day. Please don't let that happen! It would go completely against all your other efforts to cut carbon emissions.

If the airport is allowed to expand, it will **double** its greenhouse gas emissions. That would be plane crazy in the middle of a climate emergency. We can't pretend it's nothing to do us and all up to the government. Bristol, Stansted and Heathrow airports aren't allowed to expand. We can make the same choice here.

There won't be large-scale passenger electric planes or zero carbon jet fuels for decades. It's impossible to justify allowing the airport to expand until planes are carbon neutral. And they certainly aren't now! You have declared a climate emergency and say you want our area to become zero carbon. That's great! So it would make no sense to let the airport produce twice as many emissions in the next 10 years.

I know people say 'oh, everyone will just drive to Manchester or Doncaster if Leeds Bradford Airport doesn't expand'. But that's not the point. We **all** have to do **everything** possible to cut greenhouse gas emissions. It's not just Leeds Bradford airport that must be stopped from growing - but it **is** LBA too. Each one of us owes it to the next generation to make sure we cut carbon to zero as quickly as possible. You can help.

And I know the airport's owners (AMP Capital) talk about how 'green' the new terminal building would be. That's good but it would mean almost **nothing** compared to the damage done from all the extra planes using the airport. They also talk about 'offsetting projects'. Again, we need to plant trees but not as an alternative to cutting greenhouse gas emissions. Expanding the airport would take us in completely the **wrong** direction.

The courts turned down Heathrow's extra runway. The judges said the government **must** stick to the Paris Agreement commitment to make the UK carbon neutral by 2050. So must we! Please tell the West Yorkshire Combined Authority to tell Leeds City Council to reject LBA's planning application.

Yours sincerely