

Dear Councillor

I know that Leeds City Council is doing a lot of work to tackle the climate emergency. Thank you. I also know that soon, you'll be asked by AMP Capital to allow the airport 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 Leeds 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. You can't just pretend it's nothing to do with the Council and all up to the government. **You** will make the planning decision so it's up to **you** to choose. Bristol, Stansted and Heathrow airports aren't allowed to expand. **You** can make the same choice here.

The Council has said that we shouldn't allow an increase in flying until flying stops emitting greenhouse gases. I agree but when's that going to happen? There won't be large electric planes or zero carbon jet fuels for decades. You can't 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 Leeds to be zero carbon by 2030. That's great! So it would make no sense to let the airport produce twice as many emissions in the next 10 years. Before too long, the airport would pump out more greenhouse gas emissions than all of the rest of Leeds. The Citizens Jury understood that and they told you not to let the airport expand. You should listen to them.

I know people say 'oh, everyone will just drive to Manchester or Doncaster if Leeds 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 airport that must be stopped from growing - but it **is** Leeds 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 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 Leeds City Council. Our future depends on your choices.

Yours sincerely