

**Jan Ormondroyd - Closure of Filton Airfield announcement**

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**From:** [REDACTED]@airbus.com>  
**Date:** 14/04/11 16:37  
**Subject:** Closure of Filton Airfield announcement  
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Following today's announcement of BAE's decision to close Filton Airfield, Airbus has released this statement:

"Airbus has a long and close business relationship with BAE and we have been in extensive contact with them over the decision to close the airfield in order to ensure that there is a smooth transition to new working systems and practices.

We are confident that once the airfield closes at the end of 2012 we will have in place a range of effective mitigation measures that will allow our work here to continue effectively and efficiently, without any major disruption.

Airbus is fully committed to its site at Filton which is a global centre of engineering and design excellence. This is clearly illustrated by the recent decision to build a multi million pound business park at Filton and the continued investment in state of the art facilities such as the A350XWB Landing Gear Test Facility."

For further information please contact the BAE press office on 01252 383550 or 01252 384719.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Government Affairs Assistant

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**AIRBUS** →

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## Jan Ormondroyd - SGC statement on Filton airfield announcement

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**Date:** 14/04/11 17:15  
**Subject:** SGC statement on Filton airfield announcement  
**CC:** [REDACTED]@southglos.gov.uk

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Dear Chief Executives

Apologies for sending you this email from my personal email account, but we have been experiencing problems with our South Gloucestershire Council server today. As you may be aware, at 4pm today, BAE Systems announced their intention to close Filton Airfield in December 2012. Please find below South Gloucestershire Council's statement which will be issued to the press shortly.

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Amanda Deeks, chief executive of South Gloucestershire Council, said: "BAE Systems' announcement of the intention to close the airfield (in December 2012) will come as a surprise to many residents, because of its historical association with Filton.

"What is of paramount importance to us, and the surrounding communities, is that the area's renowned high-quality engineering and aerospace companies are secured for the future.

"Airbus has expressed its firm commitment to its site at Filton, and this has been most recently demonstrated by the decision to build a multi-million pound business park there.

"We will begin detailed discussions with BAE Systems with regard to the future of the airfield site."

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Kind regards

[REDACTED]  
South Gloucestershire Council  
[REDACTED]

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## Jan Ormondroyd - Filton Airfield Position Statement

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**From:** [REDACTED]@southglos.gov.uk>  
**To:** <jan.ormondroyd@bristol.gov.uk>  
**Date:** 18/07/11 16:24  
**Subject:** Filton Airfield Position Statement  
**CC:** [REDACTED]@southglos.gov.uk>, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]@southglos.gov.uk>  
**Attachments:** Filton Airfield position statement. BCC.doc.pdf

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Jan

Further to our conversation, please find attached the Position Statement in respect of the airfield. I am aware that Barbara has discussed Bristol's response to this document with Zoe last week. The consultation period for this document ends on the 29<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

Regards

[REDACTED]  
**Major Sites Team Manager**  
[REDACTED]  
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Jan Ormondroyd - Re: Here's what you think On the future of Filton airfield.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** <jan.ormondroyd@bristol.gov.uk>  
**Date:** 03/08/11 09:12  
**Subject:** Re: Here's what you think On the future of Filton airfield.

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On Wed, Aug 3, 2011 at 8:56 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

[REDACTED]  
To Brian Allinson  
Transport Executive Member  
West of England Partnership Councillor  
South Gloucestershire Council.

Dear Brian,

Is it the intention of South Gloucestershire Council, to acquire land on the closed Filton airfield. To link up with the out of town shopping complex at Cribbs Causeway? For a minimal investment, a short railway line can go in here.

On Wed, Aug 3, 2011 at 8:07 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

[REDACTED]  
Hello Tim,

Excellent picture of Filton airfield in the Bristol Evening Post page 11. It clearly shows the Henbury loop railway line running along the length of the airfield. Brabazon crossing shows up clearly, where aircraft cross the line to the airfield. Is it in the council's plan's, to acquire land on the airfield, to run a train service to Cribbs Causeway out of town shopping complex. Between a mile and two mile of track required here? Is this in the West of England Partnership rail plan, have the West of England Partnership a rail plan? Less than half a mile away is Filton North closed railway station, platforms still in place. Available land to build a park and ride site here. Instead of building a park and ride on good agriculture land of the M32. Build a new line across the airfield to Cribbs Causeway, and re-open Filton North park and ride station.

Page 10 Bristol Evening Post good picture of the new hardly used park and ride near Parkway station. This is the park and ride to get people into Bristol not the new proposed one of the M32. If this car park was free for train users, like all the park and ride stations on the newly opened Ebbw Vale line it would be well used. Is it a priority of the West of England Partnership to open closed rail stations in the Greater Bristol area and set up a ITA. In the last 50 years since the Beaching cuts of the 1960's we have re-opened two new stations. West Yorkshire has opened 22 and Liverpool 16.

West Yorkshire has a excellent ITA, is it the West of England's Partnership thinking to follow or go to this area to see how the the successful ITA works? Tim we have a excellent underused local rail network, all of it is being duplicated by BRT's. Allot of this money would be better invested in our local railways. For to long this council and previous councils have ignored our local rail network. To drag ourselves into the 21st century we need to invest in this valuable asset. People want our railways invested in, and cannot understand why they are continually being ignored?

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]  
In a personal capacity  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Bristol.

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**Jan Ormondroyd - Redevelopment of Filton Airfield**

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**From:** [REDACTED]@southglos.gov.uk>  
**To:** "Barbara Janke" <barbara.janke@bristol.gov.uk>  
**Date:** 05/09/11 15:55  
**Subject:** Redevelopment of Filton Airfield  
**CC:** "Jan Ormondroyd" <jan.ormondroyd@bristol.gov.uk>, <Peter.hammond@bristol.gov.uk>, <peter.abraham@bristol.gov.uk>  
**Attachments:** Redevelopment of Filton Airfield.doc

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Please find attached a letter for John Calway, Leader of the Council.

Regards,

[REDACTED]  
**Secretary to Leader & Executive Members**  
**South Gloucestershire Council**  
**Castle Street**  
**Thornbury**  
**South Gloucestershire**  
**BS35 1HF**

**Tel:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]@southglos.gov.uk

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**South Gloucestershire**  
Council

Councillor Barbara Janke  
Leader  
Bristol City Council  
Council House  
College Green  
Bristol, BS1 5TR

Date: 5 September 2011  
Your Ref:  
Our Ref: JC/lb  
Tel: (01454) 863019 (Secretary)  
Fax: (01454) 863139

Dear Barbara

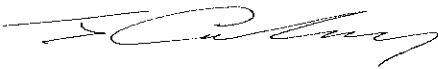
As Leader of South Gloucestershire Council I fully recognise that employment is key to Bristol's prosperity and that the decision to redevelop Filton airfield provides a vital opportunity to stimulate the local economy and create badly needed jobs, for workers in Bristol as well as South Gloucestershire. I therefore welcome the Motion by Bristol City Council.

I am committed to ensuring that there is co-ordinated and strategic master planning of the airfield in its wider context. My Council's key objective to build upon the current expertise and highly skilled workforce within the aerospace existing centre of excellence. The aim of which is to create a positive future for the aerospace industry and wider economy.

To deliver on this key objective I will ensure that all residents in both Authorities and our key partners have a full opportunity contribute to the master planning process. I have therefore asked my officers to ensure that Bristol City Council are fully engaged and represented in the engagement strategy to be published later this week. This will be critical in creating a positive relationship to foster and inspire what I hope will be a major opportunity to meet the objectives of both our authorities.

My Council looks forward to working with you on this challenging yet exciting project in the near future.

Yours sincerely



**COUNCILLOR JOHN CALWAY**  
**LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**



**From:** Timothy Kent  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**CC:** Barbara Janke, Jan Ormondroyd, Peter Mann, Barbara Davies  
**Date:** 10/09/11 18:37  
**Subject:** Re: The continuing saga of Filton Airfield.

Thank you for copying this to us [REDACTED]. As you know we also have concerns about any redevelopment and the transport implications for this and have made it clear that we feel that this most include a rail solution.

All the best

Tim

>>> [REDACTED] 10/09/11 6:01 AM >>>

On Sat, Sep 10, 2011 at 5:49 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

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> On Wed, Sep 7, 2011 at 5:46 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

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>>>> Reading with intent, \*the case for closing much-loved Filton airport,\* article  
>>>> the Bristol Evening Post the 6th of September. It is becoming clear to me, this  
>>>> is and could be, a prime development area. With the planned closure of  
>>>> Filton airport, this area is about to see a expansion of housing on a very  
>>>> large scale. Local employers will be looking to expand and encourage  
>>>> growth, BAE Systems, UK Airbus, and Rolls Royce three of the dominant  
>>>> employers look as though they are ready to stay at Filton for a number of  
>>>> years yet. All of this on the employment side is looking healthy, but  
>>>> transport links are a main worry and concern. I am led to believe 6000 houses  
>>>> will be built at Charlton Hayes, and the airport should get its fair amount  
>>>> also. [REDACTED]

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>>>> We all know what comes with more houses, more people, more cars, and  
>>>> other forms of road based transport. Charlton Hayes has already got its dual  
>>>> carriageway built to link up with Cribbs Causeway out of town shopping  
>>>> complex. Lets not beat about the bush, South Gloucestershire Council Transport  
>>>> Executive Member Brian Allinson. Is a key mover and shaker on the West of  
>>>> England Partnership Council, which is the body set up to lobby for transport  
>>>> funding for our area. Jack Lopresti local MP for the Filton area is being  
>>>> very coy on transport issues. This is a recent comment from Mr Lopresti, we  
>>>> will also campaign for desperately needed local housing to only be built  
>>>> with suitable planning conditions, including local transport and other  
>>>> infrastructure improvements. Very good Mr Lopresti a much well delivered  
>>>> speech, which is what we have learned to expect from Members of  
>>>> Parliament. But i would like to pick the bones out of it, and i would like to  
>>>> know what it actually means?

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>>>> Can Mr Lopresti and Mr Allinson come out from the shadows and be honest  
>>>> with us, does local transport issues involve rail improvements? To the best of  
>>>> my knowledge in Mr Lopresti's constituency there are three main line railway  
>>>> stations, Bristol Parkway, Filton Abbey Wood, and Patchway. There are  
>>>> three closed stations, Henbury, Filton North on the Henbury freight only  
>>>> line, if you look at the Evening Post's excellent aerial photo or goole earth  
>>>> photo, the important Henbury freight line runs for a considerable length  
>>>> along the airfield boundary. Also there is the closed Filton station, with  
>>>> the close proximity of Filton Abbeywood station nearby, it is unlikely this  
>>>> station will open. With all the planned expansion going to take place at  
>>>> the airfield, is it the intention of South Gloucestershire Council, West of  
>>>> England Partnership Council, and sitting MP Mr Lopresti to secure investment  
>>>> to reopen the closed Filton North station which is situated right next door



**Jan Ormondroyd - RE: Filton Airfield**

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**From:** [REDACTED]@southglos.gov.uk>  
**To:** "Jan Ormondroyd" <jan.ormondroyd@bristol.gov.uk>  
**Date:** 13/09/11 14:22  
**Subject:** RE: Filton Airfield

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Great thanks; we will be in touch with options for the workshop,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Jan Ormondroyd [mailto:jan.ormondroyd@bristol.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 13 September 2011 12:41  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Filton Airfield

[REDACTED] I discussed the above with the Leader on Friday. As per our discussion, she is happy to have a workshop. Could you please identify suggested dates/agenda. We will in the meantime be identifying Bristol reps.

Jan

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**From:** Barbara Janke  
**To:** Weston, Mark  
**CC:** Negus, Anthony; Ormondroyd, Jan  
**Date:** 13/09/11 14:46  
**Subject:** Filton Airfield

Dear Mark,

Following council, we have been in touch with S Gloucs re Filton Airfield and understand they have various time constraints so would like to work with Bristol but to get started as soon as possible. I am copying Anthony Negus as he will be dealing with it on our behalf.

I would be grateful if you would please be in touch with Anthony and share your thoughts as to the working group and its operation.

Many thanks,

Barbara



**From:** Mark Weston  
**To:** Barbara Janke  
**CC:** Anthony Negus, Jan Ormondroyd  
**Date:** 13/09/11 23:12  
**Subject:** Re: Filton Airfield

Dear Barbara,

Thank you for the e-mail. We had envisaged a group of cross party councillors formed to meet with south Gloucestershire at each stage of the planning development.

We understand that this will form part of their core strategy, but we would hope that our input and advice would form part of these discussions.

May I suggest a three councillor delegation, say Anthony in the lead with maybe a councillor from each of the two neighbouring wards. That would cover the three main parties?

Anthony what do you think?

Mark

>>> Barbara Janke 13/09/11 2:46 PM >>>

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**From:** Anthony Negus  
**To:** Mark Weston, Barbara Janke  
**CC:** Jan Ormondroyd, Zoe Willcox  
**Date:** 14/09/11 00:23  
**Subject:** Re: Filton Airfield

This seems reasonable. A meeting between officers is being set up and I shall be telephoning Cllr Allison again.

Soon after this initial meeting I had suggested a joint officer/member meeting. I am happy to press your suggestion with S. Gloucs. We can review conflating these two meetings but it seems that we have sufficient time for both.

I will keep you informed.

Anthony

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Weston

Cc: Anthony Negus <Anthony.Negus@bristol.gov.uk>

To: Barbara Janke <barbara.janke@bristol.gov.uk>

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Barbara



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**CC:** [REDACTED] Willcox, Zoe  
**Date:** 29/12/11 13:03  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: FOI: Filton Airfield  
**Attachments:** FiltonAirfield\_AviationOptionsReportv3.pdf; Filton briefing Oct 11\_1.ppt

Hello Helena

[REDACTED]

Essentially the member group was brought together as a result of a discussion at full council on 6th September (17.30pm start) see Barbara Janke's statement from that meeting:

A: COUNCILLOR B JANKE TO MOVE:

#### FILTON AIRFIELD DEVELOPMENT

This council recognises that employment is key to Bristol's prosperity and that the decision to redevelop Filton airfield provides a vital opportunity to stimulate the local economy and create badly needed jobs, for workers in Bristol as well as South Gloucestershire.

The council, therefore, notes with concern the proposals to build a large housing estate on this important site, which it believes are unsustainable.

It is concerned, too, about the impact the proposed housing development would have on neighbouring wards in Bristol, such as Southmead, and in particular opposes any moves to build a through road, either via Charlton Road in Southmead ward, or via Fishpool Hill in Henbury Ward.

The council is concerned about any attempts to build additional road capacity between the A88 and major residential roads in north Bristol, which would lead to a great increase in commuter traffic, and believes a railway station should be built at the former airfield. The council will also support the initiative to include a suitable aviation heritage facility to recognise a century of aviation achievement at Filton, including Conco.

New housing, especially affordable housing and homes for key workers, should be part of the development mix, but this council believes further discussions should take place with the aerospace industry, as well as emerging growth sectors such as the environmental technology industry.

The council, therefore, instructs the relevant executive members to call on South Gloucestershire Council to rethink its proposals and to work with colleagues in Bristol to develop a strategic masterplan for the Filton airfield development that puts job creation at its heart.

As a result, Councillor Negus wanted to pull together a small contingent of members to go over to South Glos to raise Bristol's concerns (they were supposed to be one representative per party rather than relevant ward members) Jenny Smith was not actually part of the panel but as a concerned ward member she attended the meeting anyway. In short, this was an informal ad hoc collection of members and not part of any formal committee of the council. The meeting over at South Glos (which took place on 1st November over at Yate) was not a public meeting as far as I am aware, but was also attended by Zoe Willcox and Ian MacDougall from Bristol, as well as with a number of South Glos members and officers.

There was a pre-meeting held here before members went over to South Glos, which was a meeting between BCC officers and the members who would be attending - so they could be briefed before hand. This took place on October 19th. The main document used was a powerpoint presentation drafted by Colin Chapman but which drew upon detail also provided by economic development and transport. A document produced by BAE was also provided to members (both attached here).

As a result of the officer/member briefing held here on the 19th - I [redacted] list a bullet points of the main points raised at the meeting, namely:

1. Impact on jobs and industry - what are prospects for aerospace industry post airfield closure - need to retain aerospace cluster and wider employment growth
2. Airfield a key urban site - any development will have major implications for Bristol Communities
3. Site development issues - roads, transport connections, green infrastructure, affordable housing
4. Related issues - the Mall, Cribbs Causeway
5. Redevelopment of the airfield should only be pursued if it is clearly demonstrated as not harmful to the long term viability of the aerospace industry - would like to be able to see further evidence on a number of the assertions made in BAE report.
6. More clarity needed on the land uses proposed, their mix and key infrastructure to support development. There is a need for industrial/warehouse premises.
7. Road access from Bristol should not create a through route. A passenger rail station should be considered.

South Glos then structured their own meeting to incorporate/touch upon these issues. I am copying in relevant officers in case they have anything else to add.

Dave

>>> Freedom of Information 29/12/11 12:01 >>>

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

All,

Please can you consider the request below, I appreciate that Filton Airfield is predominantly if not wholly in South Glos, but have we been involved in discussions?

Many thanks

[redacted]

>>> "Paul D. Lee" <[paul.d.lee@slugsix.com](mailto:paul.d.lee@slugsix.com)> 23/12/11 13:46 >>>



Under the Freedom of Information Act, please can you forward all correspondence and documents concerning Filton Airfield, particularly with regard to it's closure.

Documents can be sent either by Email or Surface Post:

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Thank you for your time,

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Paul D. Lee

