

Answers to Commonly Asked Questions

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No. The planning applications are designed to increase profits by allowing larger number of aircraft, particularly jet aircraft, to use the airport, not keep the airport in business.

The airport is currently, and historically has been, predominantly used by light aircraft. A dramatic increase in the proportion of jet aircraft using the site would represent a significant change in the nature of the noise and pollution generated by the site. This change is not necessary to ensure the viability of the airport. And with the new Control Tower, the inevitable increase in business will ensure increased revenue.

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No. Firstly, the airport would be in no way financially damaged if the planning applications are not permitted, and could carry on much as it has done for years. Secondly, much of the surrounding farmland around the airport is protected by the State against such development.

Will hundreds of jobs be lost if the airport is unable to expand?

No. We have seen no evidence that jobs would be lost if the airport was unable to expand.

The latest figures given by the airport state that there are over 300 jobs directly at the airport itself. This is with the airport operating as it currently is. There is no reason to expect that ANY jobs would be in jeopardy by simply NOT expanding.

The number of jobs in the vicinity of the airport which are not directly linked to the operation of the airport greatly exceeds those which are directly associated with the airport. Companies for whom the presence of the airport was once a crucial location criterion now make no use of the airport.

The airport has been here longer than you, what right do you have to complain?

The airport has been here longer than (almost) all of us, does that mean that we have no right to object to a significant increase in the nuisance? The residents of Talbot County have long become accustomed to the presence of a relatively quiet, small scale air field. If the plans are approved the airport will then be able to press ahead, likely changing beyond recognition, replacing predominantly light aircraft with mostly jet aircraft in ever increasing size.