

Having read Sir Howard Davies' speech of 7 October, regarding the future of aviation, I feel compelled to write to express my concerns.

Although aviation currently accounts for only 6% of the UK's carbon emissions, preparing for an increase in capacity of 60% by 2050, at a time when climate change poses a very real, potentially catastrophic threat to the UK and rest of the world, strikes me as immoral. We all need to take responsibility for climate change, and I believe that flying is a luxury we should be prepared to sacrifice; or we should at least be prepared to fly less.

Most people seem to be blissfully unaware that climate change is happening now - very quickly - and suggesting that we can carry on as normal, and continue to fly abroad to 'top up our tans', sends out completely the wrong message.

I would also be interested to know whether the building of extra aircraft is accounted for when calculating UK aviation emissions. I assume that these are not included in our emissions tally, since they would be built elsewhere - and does the country in which they are built have such an ambitious target of 80% reduction in greenhouse gases by 2050, or are we only able to have such an ambitious target because all our pollution is being created elsewhere?

I look forward to hearing your response - and reading the final report at the end of the year.

Best wishes