

Dear Sir or Madame

I am concerned that the stated reasons for airport expansion are predominantly short term and ignore several long term realities:

If the UK is to meet its reduced CO2 targets the continued increase of air transport is not viable. The UK should be looking to ways of providing alternative modes of transport that do not use ever increasing amounts of fossil fuels, even the current usage is unsustainable. Ideally the UK should be looking at ways of reducing the demand for air transport.

Currently the use of air transport is led by the demand for cheap flights. This is sustained by the current low price and easily obtainable access to oil. Should the price of oil rise, as is inevitable, the demand for air transport will decrease dramatically and leave any currently planned (and some current) airport facilities as a memorial to 20<sup>th</sup> century excesses. Currently the price of aviation fuel is very low compared to ground based transport fuel due to the tax differential. This gives aviation an unfair advantage, promotes flying and results in increased CO2 production. This differential should be abolished and give lower fuel users an equal playing field in which to operate.

I therefore consider that all significant proposed increases in airport capacity are not warranted, will promote unsustainable CO2 production and are based on current inequitable pricing of fuels.

I can declare that no current proposals on airport expansion will have any local effect on me or my family in terms of noise or traffic etc.

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