Aviation is already a significant source of CO2 emissions (making up around 6% of UK emissions and 2–2.5% of global emissions) and is one of the fastest growing sources of emissions.

Heathrow, and flights using the airport, are the single biggest source of carbon in the UK.

Government's target of 60% passenger growth by 2050 is too high and is not compatible with the Net Zero goal.

By 2050 emissions from aviation will constitute around 25% of total UK emissions.

Government claim that Heathrow’s emissions can be ‘offset’ by paying other sectors and other countries to cut emission. The idea that offsetting makes a tonne of CO2 from aviation “neutral” is misleading.
The only climate change conditions proposed by Government for a third runway relate to on-site emissions, ignoring the 97% from flights.

The CCC estimate that aviation, would account for 31 megatonnes of CO2 in 2050. If a third runway at Heathrow goes ahead that will shoot past 40 megatonnes of CO2.

A return flight to the USA produces the same amount of carbon as the average person will emit in two months of daily life.

The key question – how to ensure that Heathrow expansion is compatible with meeting legal climate change commitments – has not been answered.

Tell Your MP

- Oppose Heathrow expansion and any other new runways in UK
- Urge the Government to make best use of existing airports
- Support the introduction of a Frequent Flyer Levy
- Ban Short Haul Flights on journeys under 2 hours
- Support investment in sustainable public transport
- Take Action on the Climate Emergency

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