

Dear Joanna,

I am writing to you, in addition to previous submissions in March 2021, because of the escalating climate events in the world this summer. The scale of this is something I have not seen in my lifetime - I have friends living in Canada where extreme heat and ill-equipped apartment blocks have meant they have had to seek refuge in sports halls; I have friends living in Turkey pleading on their social media accounts for western governments to support in the fight against wildfires and flooding; I have friends in Germany who's family's homes have been ruined by the flooding and have been left without electricity or running water.

This, alongside the devastating reality in the UN's IPCC report, shows how imperative it is that we all act, and immediately, to stop the collapse of our living environment and our civilisation.

Throughout the 2010's I worked in the fashion industry - a job I loved. I lived in London and Amsterdam and routinely flew to many countries around the world for meetings. I used to have a business account as I was such a frequent flyer.

On a personal level I have had to leave that industry due to my own environmental impact because of flying and facilitating the production of garments.

More importantly to you and the panel, and the reason why I am writing, is that on a professional level, by the time I left the fashion industry, the interest in flying was diminishing fast. Companies don't want to have to pay for their staff to be continuously flying, taking taxi's to the airport and buying breakfast on the company card. With the introduction of new digital conferencing software this has only reinforced that sentiment. Ultimately, it's cheaper to do business online. Further to that, the people working for these companies actually prefer the working remotely. Even if it not for environmental reasons - early mornings, missing key family and friends events and jet lag ultimately outweighs the 'romanticism' of travelling for work.

Considering the above and alongside the growing concerns amongst businesses and individuals to become carbon neutral, I believe it is **not** in the interest for the vast majority of people to expand airports and pump tons of carbon into our fragile atmosphere.

The disadvantages highly outweigh the advantages of any airport expansion. The future of business, investments, commercial organisations and how we will live our lives is going to be green and I'd be very surprised if the panel can't see that.

Yours sincerely,
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