

9 March 2023

Minister,

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to your review on aviation policy.

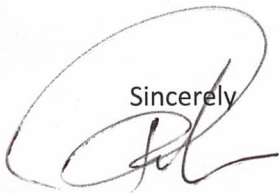
It's is vital at this time that the scope of the White Paper includes the pressing climate emergency. It is clear that in the absence of *emissions free flights* or any effective offset instruments we must prepare for and facilitate a reduction in demand for air travel.

Actively seeking to reduce demand is central. As you would be aware, the International Energy Agency has foreseen that demand reduction will and must account for 38% of the reduction in aviation emissions by 2050 (Most estimates of our maximum allowable annual climate budget to control global warming, show that an allocation of between 1.5 and three tonnes of CO2 equivalent per person is sustainable, though hard to achieve. A return long-haul flight to Europe blows this allocation in 24 hours at six to 12 tonnes per person).

Any focus on sustainable aviation fuel and 'emerging technologies' must ensure that it does not damage existing energy demands or attempt to prop up current demand.

Finally, the need for member states to produce and submit a detailed action plan to the International Civil Aviation Organisation by June 2024 detailing how aviation emissions are to be limited must be developed and a proper plan prepared.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'PJH', written over the word 'Sincerely'.

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