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Email subject box: You really did make a difference



Sustainable aviation...blah blah blah (with apologies to Greta)

Honestly. What do they take us for. Oxymorons?

Anyway, look, if you've ever wondered if all the noise you help create around trying to bring the aviation industry to heel works, here's some concrete evidence, below.

Real proof that intelligent lobbying backed up by solid support can and does have a serious effect on our Planet's future. Despite the overwhelming influence of the incredibly powerful aviation lobby.

Until fairly recently, somehow international aviation had been excluded from climate law.

Not any more: -

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-56807520>

Here's what the highly respected (on both sides of the airport perimeter) Tim Johnson, Director, Aviation Environment Federation had to say about it: -

"This week's announcement that the UK's net zero law and future carbon budgets will include international aviation felt like a real – and rare – victory. It was the result of a long and hard-fought campaign, not only by national environmental groups, but also by local campaign groups who have helped to put a spotlight on the inconsistency between airport expansion and climate change rhetoric.

The result reflects the strength and breadth of the campaign work, highlighting that a clear and common sense message can persuade the Government to go against the wishes of the aviation industry. It's a timely reminder that we can collectively have a real impact especially as we face a raft of airport expansion plans and airspace change proposals across the UK."

Here's how the AEF set out their objections, so successfully it turns out: -

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2021/03/02/aef-briefing-why-international-aviation-and-shipping-emissions-should-be-included-in-the-sixth-carbon-budget/>

Great work everyone. The Planet is very grateful and if you've ever done anything to support what the community groups do then take a bow.

Please do come and hear how you can directly help stop Gatwick's heinous expansion plans at our Open Meeting with Tom Tugendhat & Charles Lloyd. We will have very specific action points for you.

8pm, Peshurst Church, TN11 8BN, 9th November.

Gatwick's Consultation on its plans to use the emergency runway full time closes on 1st December. We're busy compiling some responses which we will send out on a newsletter asap. Here's a link to Gatwick's plans: -

<https://www.gatwickairport.com/business-community/future-plans/northern-runway/>

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