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Dear Members

[Department for Transport decarbonisation plan: call for ideas](#)

In March this year the government published a document called “Decarbonising transport: setting the challenge”. This covered all transport modes but had almost nothing new to say on aviation emissions.

On the one hand it pointed out that UK aviation emitted 37 million tonnes of CO₂ in 2018, more than double the level in 1990, and stated that the Government “*takes seriously its commitments on the environment and the expansion of any airport must always be within the UK’s environmental obligations*”. However, on the other hand, it argued that “*Airport expansion is a core part of boosting our global connectivity and levelling up across the UK*”.

The document failed to explain how those positions would be reconciled. It stuck to the tired - and failed - formula that action at an international level was the best way to address aviation’s carbon emissions.

In July it followed up with a call for ideas on transport decarbonisation, which is **here**. GACC has responded to this consultation and we would encourage our members to do likewise. If you’d like to see what we said our response is **here**.

Please note that the deadline for responses is 31 August 2020.

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