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GACC WELCOMES CLIMATE COMMITTEE ADVICE ON AIRPORT EXPANSION

GACC welcomes yesterday's advice from the Government's Climate Change Committee that there should be no expansion of UK airport capacity unless the sector is on track to outperform its net emissions trajectory.

Peter Barclay, Chairman of GACC, said:

"Since 2003 Government policy has been that aviation must take responsibility for and reduce its contribution to global warming. That simply hasn't happened. Aviation's UK emissions have risen substantially and the industry's current plans will not deliver a net zero sector. Airport expansion at Gatwick or elsewhere should be off the agenda".

GACC also welcomes the CCC's advice that aviation emissions should be formally included within UK climate targets and that the government should introduce demand reduction measures (such as carbon pricing, a frequent flier levy and fuel taxes).

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GACC's aims are to protect and improve the environment in the vicinity of Gatwick Airport and to diminish any wider environmental impact of its operations, with particular regard to noise, congestion, air quality, light pollution and climate change.