

Airport Report for Chew Magna Parish Council Meeting

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Climate Change Updates October 2025

The Environmental Audit Committee (EAC) suggests the Government should introduce fines or penalties if the aviation industry fails to meet Jet Zero targets. The PCAA strongly agree with this action. The PCAA also note that the climate and community costs of airport expansion are being balanced against economic arguments which are not evidenced.

The report titled "Airport expansion and climate and nature targets" was published 24 October 2025. The key points are listed below. Note that these points are the same as at the time of the 12 mppa application.

Net Zero target in 2050 at risk:

The EAC states that airport will inevitably increase the UK's international aviation emissions and would put the Net Zero 2050 target which is legally binding in 'serious jeopardy'.

The EAC found that Government policies are not sufficient to be compliant with carbon budgets.

Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) and other technological solutions are not yet being used at commercial scale which is required for the net zero target to be achieved.

The policies surrounding expansion of airports are out of date and need urgently reviewing.

Economic

While there may be some economic growth through expansion, the level of growth is unclear, and the Government has failed to provide substantial evidence. The EAC recommend before agreeing any airport expansion the Government should research economic benefits. This should be broken down into individual and cumulative airport expansions.

Planning Policies

The EAC recognises that current policies are out of date and call for a new Airport National Policy Statement (ANPS). The report argues for an inclusion of cumulative assessments of the carbon impacts of all airport expansion plans

The link to the report is

<https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/49874/documents/267516/default/>

Carbon budget and growth delivery plan

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/carbon-budget-and-growth-delivery-plan-2025>

The plan was published in October. On aviation there is very little that hasn't been published before. The Sustainable Aviation Fuel mandate has increased from 20% to 22% at 2040. The remainder is a revision of other commitments in the Jet Zero Strategy.