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Dear Rishi,

Fuelling a green economic recovery by supercharging investment in aviation decarbonisation

The UK aviation sector will be fundamental to the economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic as we begin to re-open our doors and borders. We are desperate to return to normality as soon as possible, but we want to come back even stronger and do it in a way that protects both jobs and the environment – to ‘build back better’ – and supports the Government and industry commitment to decarbonise UK aviation and reach net-zero emissions by 2050.

As the third largest aviation industry in the world, supporting 4.5% of UK GDP, UK aviation plays an integral part in the economic and social life of this country and will play a critical role reconnecting communities and regions, and supporting trade and exports as we move into recovery. But now there is also a golden opportunity to rebuild a great British industry in a way that protects and creates jobs, fuels a green economic recovery and futureproofs UK aviation for decades to come.

In February this year, UK aviation committed to net zero carbon emissions by 2050 – the first national net zero aviation commitment anywhere in the world – and laid out a plan to achieve this by working with Government. Key measures included investment in sustainable aviation fuels, cleaner aircraft and engine technology, and an airspace modernisation programme.

Since the pandemic hit, and as we slowly return to the skies, these measures remain central to securing aviation’s sustainable future. We, the undersigned, urge the Government to supercharge a green aviation recovery by doing three things:

1. Commit £500m in funding, matched by industry, to support the delivery of sustainable aviation fuel production facilities in the UK. This is here and now technology and an area where we are already leading the world in early stage projects. SAF offer significant economic opportunities too – by 2035 SAF production could generate up to £2.7 billion for the economy and support around 18,800 jobs across the UK.



2. Increase funding for the Aerospace Technology Institute to enable the UK to become a world-leader in developing more efficient engines as well as hybrid and electric aircraft.
3. Provide short term funding that would enable The Airspace Change Organising Group (ACOG) to complete the Airspace Masterplan, which will cut emissions immediately.

Decarbonising aviation provides an opportunity for the UK to take a lead in this important global sector, and the sector is ready to work with Government to make this happen. Decisive action today will support not only a sustainable and world-leading UK aviation sector, but fuel a great British green recovery.

Yours sincerely,

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