

Parties to the proceeding should make a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) with regard to the Principal Issue of Climate Change and GHG Emissions. Specifically, the parties should agree that the proposed project will not have a material impact on GHG emissions given that the airport operator and airlines have no choice but to comply with UK net zero law. The legally binding 2050 targets combined with the Government's Jet Zero strategy will result in net zero emissions from the aviation industry. Furthermore, the benefits of the Jet Zero strategy outweigh any costs - a fact which underpins the Government's entire 2050 net zero legal obligation. Consequently, the parties should reach a SoCG that there is no negative economic impact of achieving Net Zero and therefore, no impact on the need for the Northern Runway.