



Gordon's answer to climate change?

What is Gordon Brown up to? Last week he declared he would transform Britain into a low carbon economy. Yet, three days later he launched a public consultation supporting the proposed expansion of Heathrow Airport, a development, which on its own would emit as much CO₂ as Kenya. Clearly, this makes a complete mockery of the government's proposed CO₂ cuts. It can only be assumed Brown wishes to support the aviation industry's pursuit of growth at the expense of climate change, not to mention the increase in aircraft noise and pollution. Indeed, his recent declaration of, "it will have to be built", sounds like BA and BAA have walked all over him. This does not bode well for a public consultation. Especially when 70% of the public have said they don't want any more airport expansion*. Right now, if Gordon Brown is to solve the problem of climate change he needs to have the courage of his convictions.