

Why we look like we're doomed to fail

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Larry Elliott, writing in the [Guardian](#) this morning, summarises exactly why human life on our planet faces an existential threat:

In their different ways, the cases of Flybe and [HS2](#) tell us much about modern Britain. When it comes to making decisions, the short term triumphs over the long term every time, especially when a powerful corporate lobby gets to work. Ministers say they see no contradiction between a growing economy and protecting the environment, and proudly boast that they are pledged to make Britain a net zero-carbon economy.

But that happy day is not planned to arrive until 2050. If the rest of the world follows Britain's example, that will be a couple of decades too late.

There is really not a lot to add to that.