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Simon Jenkins can be the most annoying of commentators in The Guardian. He can also get things right. He did [when discussing the need for a rethink of long-distance travel both post-Covid and in anticipation of the increasing climate crisis by saying:](#)

Climate-sensitive transport policy should capitalise on this change. It should not pander to distance travel in any mode but discourage it. Fuel taxes are good. Road pricing is good. So are home-working, Zoom-meeting (however ghastly for some), staycationing, local high-street shopping, protecting local amenities and guarding all forms of communal activity.

Britons should rediscover the virtues of locality and neighbourhood. The way to protect life on Earth is not to fly to Glasgow for the Cop26 summit. It is to stay at home. That would be the real silver lining to the Covid cloud.

He is right. We have to change. Unless we realise that behavioural change is key to our survival we simply won't make it. But right now that message is simply not getting through. And that is a big concern