

Is flying over?

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As the [FT notes](#) this morning:

*European aviation faces more than
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800bn in extra costs to reach net zero emissions by 2050, according to industry estimates that highlight the challenge facing the sector as it decarbonises.

As they added:

The industry has committed to hitting net zero carbon emissions through a mix of new technologies, notably alternative fuels, as well as carbon offsets and more efficient aircraft, engines and air traffic management.

This is according to a new plan they have, apparently, published this morning.

Please forgive my cynicism but I do not believe them.

There is no evidence that carbon offsets work.

I doubt that significant changes in fuel to save carbon in aircraft are possible.

And I seriously doubt better air traffic management is going to save a lot unless the number of planes in the air declines dramatically and stacking before landing disappears.

This is, in my opinion, an industry in denial. Mass flying and net zero carbon are incompatible. The age of globe-trotting to find the sun is over, and that is what around 90% of all flying is about. We either come to terms with this, or we destroy the chances of human life on earth.

If I never fly again, I will be happy. Not only is there no fun in flying, but the cost is far too high. The result is that in my opinion airlines are carbon insolvent: they will never

raise enough funding to make themselves carbon neutral and so cannot survive.

A poll:

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