

## Rachel Reeves has a casual indifference to reality

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According to the total nonsense that poured forth out of Rachel Reeves over the last day or two, sustainable aviation fuels (SAF) will make the expansion of Heathrow airport 'green'. This, it has to be said, is utter nonsense.

Firstly, that's because SAF is still not green, and even if it were used, there would still be more flights than are compatible with any green objective this country might legally have. This incredibly basic logic appeared to be beyond her comprehension.

Secondly, [as the FT notes](#):

*Fossil fuels will account for more than three-quarters of fuel used by airlines beyond 2040 — according to the British government's own projections — undermining Rachel Reeves' claims that new technologies will turn aviation green.*

*The UK chancellor said on Thursday that "sustainable aviation fuels" are a "game-changer" in the debate over airport expansion, as she forecast that flights could take off from a new runway at Heathrow by 2035.*

In fact, if SAF were to be the main fuel at Heathrow and elsewhere within the UK aviation sector by the time this runway will supposedly be in use, it has been estimated that half of all UK agricultural land would have to be dedicated to growing the crops required to produce them.

Using Reeves' logic, it would be a terrible shame that many in the country would go unfed as a result and that the possibility of a healthy diet would be beyond the economic reach of the vast majority in the country, but the green fuel to power the excessive holiday flights taken by approximately 15% of the UK population (who happen to almost entirely overlap with the richest in the country) would be available.

As ever, Reeves is lying.

As always, Reeves is more than willing to ignore reality. To that extent, at least, she reveals that she paid attention in her economic classes, having very obviously absorbed

the instructions her Oxford professors no doubt gave her.

And, as ever, Reeves' causal indifference to most people is glaringly apparent.

No wonder young people are unenamoured of politics when Reeves is supposedly the best we have to offer.