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## Why election candidates need to know about aviation growth

One way or another a significant number of your potential voters are affected by aviation – either as passengers, employees or as residents subjected to aircraft noise and related pollution.

With the number of aircraft passengers expected to triple to 600 million a year by around 2030, there is an urgent need to address aviation growth in the UK.

Tough decisions about how to reconcile the competing concerns of local communities, passengers, airlines and airport operators need to be taken. The environmental, social and economic balancing act needs to be achieved.

SASIG has produced a briefing note for Parliamentary candidates which sets out the challenges to be faced by a new Government. We trust it will prove to be a useful source of information on this complex and important issue.

SASIG is a group of local authorities that work together on major aviation issues. Our local authority membership is from all the main political parties and we thus feel we can offer a broad but non-party view to help all candidates.

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