

# Student Council Motion Proposal

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Your Policy Motion Title Goes Here:

<b>Policy Number:</b>	2018-19_009	<b>Policy Date</b>	26.03.2019
<b>Policy Proposer: (Include name and student number)</b>	Shannon Bolton 16016037		
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## Summary:

**Please give a summary of your policy motion here:**

This policy motion is to reduce domestic air travel within Great Britain for Student Union business e.g. conferences, if the journey is under 400 miles (one way).

## Student Council Notes the Following Facts:

**Please outline the facts as they stand:**

Although planes reduce journey times and are often more convenient than other modes of transport, it is heavily polluting our environment. At current levels, air travel creates at least 6% of the UK's total carbon dioxide emissions. The department for Transport estimates that this could rise to a third of all emissions by 2050. Jet fuel produces about 10kg of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per gallon burned and when compared to high-speed electric trains release 29 times more greenhouse gas emissions.

For travelling within Great Britain, domestic air travel is not necessary when alternative, less polluting options such as high-speed trains are available.

## Student Council Holds the Viewpoint That:

**Noting the facts above why is change needed? Insert in here what you want to change and why:**

Reducing domestic air travel within Great Britain for Student Union business will mean that for travelling to conferences a train would be taken instead. Trains emit significantly less carbon per person than planes, so travelling by this method will have a better impact on our environment.

**Student Council Resolves to Take the Following Action(s):**

**Please write in here what actions Student Council will undertake/mandate the Union to undertake, should this motion pass:**

Should this motion pass we would be agreeing to ban domestic air travel within Great Britain and as a result taking the train will be the first choice for long distance travels for work. This will not be compulsory if the journey is over 400 miles (one way) and domestic air travel will be allowed if it is the most ecominally sound way of travel.