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Responding to <u>Rachel Reeves' speech on economic growth</u>, Green Party Co-Leader, Adrian Ramsay MP, said

"The idea that we have to choose between economic prosperity and safeguarding our children's future is absolute nonsense — in fact it's quite the opposite.

"Expanding airport capacity would wipe out all the benefits of the Government's clean power plan, and won't provide any benefits for ordinary people.

"The idea that expanding Heathrow can happen in line with legal, environmental & climate objectives, while meeting rules on carbon emissions, noise and air quality is just fantasy thinking.

"At one point in her speech, the Chancellor said net zero is the opportunity of the century.

"She's right about that, yet much of what she announced will take us further away from net zero.

"Her strategy doesn't add up and it felt more as if she was chasing headlines than chasing a sustainable, fairer future for the UK."

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