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Re: Breath of fresh air
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Sir,

Britain needs more energy, not less. That's why Lancaster University's study about energy efficiency and trains (News, June 21) misses the point.

Grid-tied electricity is largely produced from gas, nuclear and coal and is much cleaner than that from diesel-burning cars. So if trains are less fuel-efficient than cars or planes, that is of marginal concern.

The extent of human beings' contribution to global warming is still a matter of scientific uncertainty, but you don't have to be a hippie in sandals to want to breathe clean air. An extension of electricity into cars and buses would allow us to use and waste as much energy as we want - a pre-requisite for a growing and sustainable economy.

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