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**Taxing holidays**

Sir: As if Britons don't work hard enough and pay enough tax, now the Liberal Democrats want to tax aviation fuel to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. What this amounts to is a holiday tax. Can you think of a worse way to encourage people to care about the environment? Until Britain's environmental agendas embrace growth as the solution and not as the problem, environmental policy will always be the poor relation. And we will all be the poorer for it.

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