

Regional News

29 Sep. 2012 - [Concerns raised over BAA Ltd's Heathrow Airport complaints log](#)
Richmond Heathrow Campaign (RHC) heard the complaints at a meeting last week, at which the audience said BAA Ltd had never responded to their queries.

1 Oct. 2012 - [Birmingham Airport has greater growth than any other UK airport with 9% year on year passenger growth in August](#)

2 Oct. 2012 - [East Midlands Airport bus service is to be axed six months after it was launched due to financial losses](#)

3 Oct. 2012 - [Campaign for the Protection of Rural England \(CPRE\) raise concerns over Coventry Airport plans](#)

The CPRE is deeply concerned over proposals for the development at Baginton, which would include a new technology hub on land north of Coventry Airport and a manufacturing/logistics hub to the south.

4 Oct. 2012 - [North Durham MP Kevin Jones calls to scrap passenger flights from Durham Tees Valley airport](#)

Mr Jones MP says the North East cannot support two passenger airports, and Durham Tees Valley airport bosses should accept they cannot compete with Newcastle Airport and end passenger operations in favour of concentrating on cargo flights or aircraft maintenance.

5 Oct. 2012 - [Prestwick Airport bosses, Infratil, could bid for Stansted Airport](#)

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Industry News

30 Sep. 2012 - [British Airways and University of Glamorgan Announce Engineering Partnership](#)

Events

16 Oct. 2012 - [Biofuels in Aviation: Overcoming Barriers](#) - London - RAS

18 Oct. 2012 - 14.00 - [Gatwick advisory group \(GATCOM\)](#) - Gatwick Airport

22-23 Oct. 2012 - [Airport Operators Association \(AOA\) Annual Conference and Exhibition - Connecting the Economy for Jobs and Growth, London](#)

8 Nov. 2012 - [Biofuels: the Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation, progress on adoption and the next generation](#)

13-14 Nov. 2012 - [UK Transport in Europe](#) - Brussels –UKTiE

20 Nov. 2012 (18:30 - 21:00), - Delivering Air Traffic Control at London Gatwick and across London - Redhill, Surrey. Bookings via 01536 740104 or email: membership@ciltuk.org.uk quoting Event Code: GTG048

26-30 Nov. 2012 - [Environmental Management at Airports](#) – Manchester

29 Nov. 2012 - [The EU Emissions Trading System: progress, UK impact & Phase III](#)

Short courses:

3-5 Oct. 2012 - [Introduction to Air Transport Economics and Planning](#)

7-9 Nov. 2012 - [Demand Analysis and Capacity Management](#)

3-5 Dec. 2012 - [Introduction to Air Transport Business and Management](#)

Westminster Committees	Government News
<p>Energy and Climate Change Committee evidence session - 'Inclusion of International Aviation and Shipping Emissions in Carbon Budgets' The Energy and Climate Change Committee will take evidence in public on the Inclusion of International Aviation and Shipping Emissions in Carbon Budgets at 10.15 am on Tuesday 16 October 2012 in Committee Room 17.</p> <p>The Committee will hear from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Greg Barker, Energy and Climate Change Minister;• David Kennedy, Chief Executive, Committee on Climate Change;• Dr Andy Jefferson, Programme Director, Sustainable Aviation;• Andrew Herdman, Board Member, Air Transport Action Group (ATAG) and Director General of the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines;• Dr Keith Allott, Head of Climate Change, WWF-UK;• David Balston, Director of Safety & Environment, UK Chamber of Shipping;• Rupert Furness, Deputy Director and Head of Environment Strategy; and• Emma Campbell, Deputy Director, Environment and International Transport Economics, Department for Transport.	<p>6 Oct. 2012 - London Mayor's Aviation Advisor, Daniel Moylan, makes case for Thames Airport</p> <p>9 Oct. 2012 - Wandsworth Council urges Government to bring forward airport capacity decision</p>
<p>Business, Innovation and Skills Committee on Local Enterprise Partnerships and the Regional Growth Fund The Committee will discuss progress on Local Enterprise Partnerships and the regional growth fund at 9.30am on Tuesday 16 October 2012 in the Thatcher Room, Portcullis House.</p> <p>The Committee will hear from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Michael Fallon, Business Minister <p>Both sessions will be open to the public on a first come, first served basis. There is no system for the prior reservation of seats in Committee Rooms. It is advisable to allow about 20 minutes to pass through security checks. Committee Rooms and timings are subject to change.</p>	<p>House of Lords Questions Release of further details on the Independent Commission- Lord Jenkin of Roding – 9 Oct. 2012 (see written question – 'Aviation')</p>
	<p>Independent Aviation Connectivity Commission 11 Oct. 2012 – BAA Ltd chief executive Colin Matthews calls on aviation inquiry to consider 'all options' for UK capacity expansion</p>
	<p>West Coast Mainline 8 Oct. 2012 - Louise Ellman, Chair of the Transport Select Committee writes to the Secretary of State about cancellation of the West Coast Mainline franchise</p>
	<p>Party Conferences An update on the Conservative Party Conference will be circulated to the SASIG membership next week. Summary reports of the Liberal Democrat and Labour Party fringe events are available on the SASIG website - http://sasig.org.uk/category/freepublications/. Access to these documents will require membership login.</p>
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<p>5 Oct. 2012 - easyJet bosses announce 40 new additional European routes out of Bristol Airport</p>	<p>16 Oct. 2012 - Biofuels in Aviation: Overcoming Barriers - London - RAS</p>
<p>8 Oct. 2012 – Majority of Thames Valley Berkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (TVB LEP) business membership supports Heathrow Airport expansion project</p>	<p>18 Oct. 2012 - 14.00 - Gatwick advisory group (GATCOM) - Gatwick Airport</p>
<p>8 Oct. 2012 - M18 improvement plan which boosts links with Doncaster Robin Hood Airport gets go-ahead Transport Secretary Patrick McLoughlin announced the development as part of a package of road improvements across Yorkshire and the Humber region totalling £32.4 million.</p>	<p>22-23 Oct. 2012 - Airport Operators Association (AOA) Annual Conference and Exhibition - Connecting the Economy for Jobs and Growth, London</p>
<p>9 Oct. 2012 - Influential business group, Bradford Breakthrough, call for Leeds-Bradford International Airport rail link</p>	<p>30 Oct. 2012 - BBC Radio Kent airport debate in Rochester - Rochester</p>
<p>9 Oct. 2012 - Ryanair withdraws from £1bn battle to buy Stansted Airport amid accusations it has been excluded from the sale process by BAA Ltd</p>	<p>8 Nov. 2012 - Biofuels: the Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation, progress on adoption and the next generation</p>
<p>10 Oct. 2012 - Broadland councillors support engine-testing plans at Norwich Airport as economic benefits outweigh the noise concerns of nearby homeowners</p>	<p>13-14 Nov. 2012 - UK Transport in Europe - Brussels –UKTiE</p>
<p>10 Oct. 2012 – Business lobby group the Bedfordshire Chamber urges firms to support Luton Airport development plans as the transport hub is 'one of the region's most important assets'</p>	<p>20 Nov. 2012 (18:30 - 21:00), - Delivering Air Traffic Control at London Gatwick and across London - Redhill, Surrey. Email:membership@ciltuk.org.uk</p>
<p>11 Oct. 2012 - easyJet bosses announce five new routes from Manchester Airport</p>	<p>26-30 Nov. 2012 - Environmental Management at Airports – Manchester</p>
Industry News	<p>29 Nov. 2012 - The EU Emissions Trading System:progress,UK impact & Phase III - London</p>
<p>2 Oct. 2012 - Airlines look to software solutions to help improve fuel efficiency and aid EU ETS carbon emissions reporting</p>	<p>31 Jan. 2013 - A fresh look at UK airport capacity: time for a 3rd runway at Heathrow? – London</p>
	<p>Short courses: 7-9 Nov. 2012 - Demand Analysis and Capacity Management 3-5 Dec. 2012 - Introduction to Air Transport Business and Management</p>
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Government News

8 Oct. 2012 - [Department for Transport to provide £170 million road boost for local economies](#)

The Highways Agency is to deliver 57 vital road improvements to boost the economy, reduce congestion and improve safety. This investment will support several local development plans, including M27 access for **Southampton Airport**; M18 access to **Robin Hood Doncaster Airport**; M5 access to **Bristol airport**; M42 access to **Birmingham International Airport**; A1(M) access to **Luton Airport**; and A120 access to **Stansted Airport**.

15 Oct. 2012 - [London Assembly Health and Environment Committee to look at curbing airplane noise and emissions](#)

The meeting can be viewed via the [webcast](#).

15 Oct. 2012 - Department for Energy and Climate Change publishes "[Updated short-term traded carbon values used for UK public policy appraisal](#)"

16 Oct. 2012 - [A Government review of planning practice guidance is being undertaken by former MP Lord Taylor](#)

16 Oct. 2012 - [CAA enrol external executives to monitor modernisation programme of its processes and procedures to ensure effective and efficient regulation](#)

17 Oct. 2012 - [Gatwick Airport to develop options for a new runway](#)
Gatwick Airport Limited is beginning detailed work on the options for a new runway. This will be submitted to the Independent Commission on Aviation Connectivity. Gatwick Airport bosses say the submission to the Commission will be consistent with Gatwick's commitment to the 1979 legal agreement with West Sussex County Council. That agreement prohibits Gatwick from constructing a new runway before 2019.

18 Oct. 2012 - [New laws to support growth through investment and infrastructure to ensure the country can compete globally](#)

House of Commons Questions

[Benefits of Birmingham Airport expansion](#) - Garnier, M - 18 Oct. 2012 (see 'topical questions')

[Urgency for Independent Commission to report its findings](#) - Macleod, M - 18 Oct. 2012 (see 'topical questions')

[Request to bring forward the publication of the Independent Commission's findings on aviation capacity](#) – Goldsmith, Z - 18 Oct. 2012 (see 'Aviation: South East')

[Policy on the amendment or repeal of the Airport Authority Act 1966](#) – Goldsmith, Z - 18 Oct. 2012

[Plans to adapt the HS2 route to Heathrow Airport](#) – Fabricant, M - 17 Oct. 2012

[Heathrow Airport runway alternation](#) – Goldsmith, Z - 17 Oct. 2012

[Policy on Air Passenger Duty](#) – Coaker, V - 15 Oct. 2012

West Coast Mainline

15 Oct. 2012 - [Department for Transport \(DfT\) announces two independent investigations will be undertaken following cancellation of franchise bid](#)
DfT have started negotiations with Virgin Rail Group, intending them to remain as operator of passenger services for the West Coast Main Line for around 9 to 13 months while DfT run a competition for an interim franchise agreement.

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13 Oct. 2012 - Study suggests Heathrow third runway may mean more pollution deaths The report, ' Air quality impacts of UK airport capacity expansion ' suggests Heathrow aviation pollution causes about 50 early deaths a year and this number is rising.	13 Oct. 2012 - Heathrow third runway 'worse for public health' – BBC Video
16 Oct. 2012 - Surrey County Council rejects Heathrow and Gatwick airport expansion	17 Oct. 2012 - Gatwick Airport Planning Second Runway - Sky News Video
16 Oct. 2012 - Gloucestershire Airport runway expansion officially recognised by the Civil Aviation Authority	Industry News
17 Oct. 2012 - Consultation on A6 Manchester airport relief road to open on 22 Oct. 2012	15 Oct. 2012 - BAA Ltd to replace the BAA name with each individual airport brand Each BAA Ltd owned airports will operate solely under their own stand-alone brand.
17 Oct. 2012 - Ealing Council renews its opposition to a third runway at Heathrow Airport	Events
18 Oct. 2012 - 'No Government subsidy' for Isles of Scilly helicopter link	Please click on the Bulletins page of the SASIG website for the latest list of events.
18 Oct. 2012 - Blow for Durham Tees Valley Airport as regeneration Regional Growth Fund (RGF) bid rejected	The latest events to be added are:
Gatwick Airport Expansion	6 Nov. 2012 - Insights into air traffic control at East Midlands Airport - East Midlands Airport – (£10) - Code: DG010
17 Oct. 2012 - Gatwick Airport to submit plan for second runway Gatwick Airport bosses are to begin work on detailed plans for a second runway and will consider options to develop the site up to 2020 and beyond.	12 Nov. 2012 - Boeing's newest aircraft the 787 Dreamliner - Hull – Code: HMG055
17 Oct. 2012 - "Gatwick runway impracticable" - Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign response to Gatwick Airport Ltd's expansion plans.	14 Nov. 2012 - UK airport Strategy - A view from the West Midlands - Birmingham Airport – (£10) - Code: BCG069
Stansted Airport Sale	15 Nov. 2012 - Visit to Bristol Airport - Bristol International Airport - Code: SWR018
14 Oct. 2012 - Stansted airport owner admits it could be run for £5m less as ending BAA Ltd's ownership will produce immediate savings due to lower management costs	8 Jan. 2013 - London Gatwick - An Inside View of Operations and Logistics - Sussex Downs College, Lewes. - Code: SG042
15 Oct. 2012 - A deadline of 23 October 2012 has been set for bids to be submitted to takeover Stansted Airport	15 Jan. 2013 - HS2 - The benefits for the North West - Manchester - Code: GMG105
17 Oct. 2012 - Manchester Airports Group bosses confirm they will make bid for Stansted Airport	All of the above events are free, except where stated, and are run by the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport UK. To book, contact 01536 740104 or email: membership@ciltuk.org.uk quoting the relevant code.
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<p>Government News</p> <p>25 Oct. 2012 - HS2 compensation to be 'comprehensive' The article notes that the first phase of HS2 will include a connection to mainland Europe via the Channel Tunnel. On completion of HS2 the network will include a direct link to Heathrow.</p>	<p>Westminster Debates and Legislation</p> <p>23 Oct. 2012 - Lords Second Reading - Infrastructure (Financial Assistance) Bill</p>
<p>Events and Speeches</p> <p>22 Oct. 2012 - Simon Burns speech to the Airport Operators Association A summary of this speech will be circulated by the SASIG office next week.</p> <p>25 Oct. 2012 - McLoughlin makes statement on High Speed Two compensation measures (see 'Transport', 'High Speed 2')</p>	<p>Press Releases</p> <p>22 Oct. 2012 - UK airport trade body and business join forces to call on Government to stop dithering over aviation policy - The Airport Operators Association (AOA)</p>
<p>House of Commons Questions</p> <p>UK aerospace industry investment – Stephenson, A - 25 Oct. 2012</p> <p>Heathrow Airport Air Pollution – Goldsmith, Z - 24 Oct. 2012</p> <p>Investment in Durham Tees Valley Airport – Blenkinsop, T – 24 Oct. 2012</p> <p>Reporting date of the Independent Commission on Aviation – Goldsmith, Z - 22 Oct. 2012 (see 'Transport', 'Aviation')</p> <p>Extension of Crossrail Line to Stansted Airport – Goldsmith, Z - 22 Oct. 2012</p> <p>Crossrail Line to Stansted and Heathrow Airport – Goldsmith, Z - 22 Oct. 2012</p>	<p>Draft Aviation Policy Framework</p> <p>22 Oct. 2012 - Bristol Airport response to the Draft Aviation Policy Framework consultation</p> <p>SASIG 2012/13 Meeting Dates</p> <p>The next SASIG meetings will be on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday 1 March 2013, 11.00am – 1.00pm <p>Meetings are held at Local Government House, Smith Square, SW1P 3HZ, with lunch provided afterwards; location map.</p>

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<p>19 Oct. 2012 - Stevenage council backs Luton Airport expansion on the grounds it will “further boost the local economy and enhance the travelling experience of passengers.”</p> <p>20 Oct. 2012 - Durham Tees Valley Airport disappointed by lack of regional investment</p> <p>20 Oct. 2012 - Heathrow complaints unit too busy to respond to individual complaints from disgruntled residents</p> <p>20 Oct. 2012 – Small businesses make last appeal to MPs to save Sheffield City Airport</p> <p>22 Oct. 2012 - Job hopes at Newquay Airport after expansion plan sealed</p> <p>24 Oct. 2012 - Bristol Airport secures £279m refinancing deal</p> <p>24 Oct. 2012 - Southend Airport announces £10million terminal expansion</p> <p>26 Oct. 2012 - Third Heathrow runway won't solve problem, say Institute of Civil Engineers</p>	<p>20 Oct. 2012 - Heathrow expansion is only 'affordable' option - Interview with Virgin Atlantic chief executive Steve Ridgway</p> <hr/> <p>Events</p> <p>Please click on the Bulletins page of the SASIG website for the latest list of events.</p> <p>The latest events to be added are:</p> <p>3 Nov. 2012 - Delivering Local Planning: getting the most from the new framework - Derby - Free for Councillors</p> <p>30 Nov. 2012 - British Airways' invitation to attend their annual Environment Debate – Middlesex - Free, email: one.destination@ba.com.</p> <p>16 Jan. 2013 - A Practical Guide to Making Successful Application for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects - £349 plus VAT - London</p>
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<p>25 Oct. 2012 - Virgin Atlantic bosses slam CAA ruling after losing out in a bid to replace Bmi on the Heathrow-Moscow route to British Airways and EasyJet</p>	<p>The next SASIG meetings will be on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friday 1 March 2013, 11.00am – 1.00pm <p>Meetings are held at Local Government House, Smith Square, SW1P 3HZ, with lunch provided afterwards; location map.</p>