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CURRENT NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

CAA Consultation: Economic regulation of Heathrow: working paper on the efficiency of HAL's capital expenditure during Q6

Closing date: 17/11/2020

<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/economic-regulation/hal-q6-capital-expenditure/>

PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

Global Travel Taskforce

DfT 07/10/20

<https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/global-travel-taskforce>

Testing Commitment Welcome First Step But Government Must Implement A System As Quickly As Possible

Airport Operators' Association – statement 07/10/20

<https://www.aoa.org.uk/testing-commitment-welcome-first-step-but-government-must-implement-a-system-as-quickly-as-possible/>

Union connectivity review

DfT - Written statement to Parliament 05/10/20

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/union-connectivity-review>

Union connectivity review: terms of reference

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/union-connectivity-review-terms-of-reference/union-connectivity-review-terms-of-reference>

HS2 Phase 2b update

DfT Written Statement to Parliament 07/10/20

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/hs2-phase-2b-update>

HS2 Phase 2b design refinement consultation summary report

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/924630/Summary_Report_-_Design_Refinement_Consultation.pdf

How we are promoting and regulating spaceflight from the UK

DfT 01/10/20

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-we-are-promoting-and-regulating-spaceflight-from-the-uk>
(note the map of locations in this guidance)

Better understanding of link between noise and health needed

ICCAN 06/10/20

<https://iccan.gov.uk/better-understanding-between-noise-and-health-needed/>

New survey on people's experiences of aviation noise during lockdown

ICCAN 08/10/20

<https://iccan.gov.uk/news-aviation-noise-lockdown-survey/>

Statement by Commissioner Adina Vălean on the Commission's intention to extend the airport slot waiver

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EC press release 14/09/20

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/statement_20_1645

UK Civil Aviation Authority Statement: ATOL Renewals

CAA 06/10/20

<https://www.caa.co.uk/News/UK-Civil-Aviation-Authority-Statement--ATOL-Renewals/>

PRESS AND MEDIA

Headlines

Taskforce for safe return to global travel launched

DfT 07/10/20

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/taskforce-for-safe-return-to-global-travel-launched>

UK government launches taskforce to support travel industry's recovery

International Airport Review 09/10/20

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/139067/uk-government-taskforce-support-travel-industry-recovery/>

ABTA responds to Government's announcement on the Global Travel Taskforce and testing

ABTA press release 07/10/20

<https://www.abta.com/news/abta-responds-governments-announcement-global-travel-taskforce-and-testing>

Global Travel Taskforce a step forward, but urgent action needed

Abta Press Release 08/10/20

<https://www.abta.com/news/global-travel-taskforce-step-forward-urgent-action-needed>

Greek islands of Lesbos, Santorini, Serifos, Tinos and Zakynthos added to travel corridor list

DfT 08/10/20

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/greek-islands-of-lesvos-santorini-serifos-tinos-and-zakynthos-added-to-travel-corridor-list>

Fresh blow for travel as Italy demands negative Covid test for UK tourists

TravelMole 08/10/20

https://www.travelmole.com/news_feature.php?news_id=2044606&c=setreg®ion=2

Coronavirus: Almost 900 Manchester Airports Group job cuts

BBC 08/10/20

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-manchester-54452208>

Coronavirus: 900 airport jobs go - as testing task force gets lukewarm response

Sky News 07/10/20

<https://news.sky.com/story/coronavirus-900-jobs-at-three-airports-to-go-as-furlough-scheme-ends-12098423>

Chancellor poised to unveil extension to furlough scheme

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Travelmole 09/10/20

https://www.travelmole.com/news_feature.php?news_id=2044616&c=setreg®ion=2

Passenger news

One quarter of UK holidaymakers now overpaying for airport parking

Travel Daily Media 06/10/20

<https://www.traveldailymedia.com/one-quarter-of-uk-holidaymakers-now-overpaying-for-airport-parking/>

IATA claims only one in 27 million air passengers develop Covid in flight

Travelmole 08/10/20

https://www.travelmole.com/news_feature.php?news_id=2044611&c=setreg®ion=2

Wetherspoon to slash up to 450 jobs across airport portfolio

Big Hospitality 22/09/20 r

[HTTPS://WWW.BIGHOSPITALITY.CO.UK/ARTICLE/2020/09/22/WETHERSPOON-TO-SLASH-450-JOBS-ACROSS-AIRPORT-PUB-PORTFOLIO](https://www.bighospitality.co.uk/article/2020/09/22/wetherspoon-to-slash-450-jobs-across-airport-pub-portfolio)

Industry news

Airport covid testing must be streamlined to save tourism and aviation jobs

Daily Record 09/10/20

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/airport-covid-testing-must-streamlined-22816459>

Coronavirus test: Plans to cut 14-day travel quarantine with new airport testing

Herts Live 08/10/20

<https://www.hertfordshiremercury.co.uk/news/hertfordshire-news/coronavirus-test-plans-cut-14-4586108>

Heathrow boss: PM told me airport testing will be in place 'in October'

City AM 07/10/20

<https://www.cityam.com/airport-testing-will-be-in-place-in-october-pm-says/>

Airport Covid testing could start within weeks, says Heathrow chief

The Guardian 01/10/20

<https://www.theguardian.com/travel/2020/oct/01/airport-covid-testing-could-start-within-weeks-says-heathrow-chief>

The case for airport coronavirus testing, and why it matters

National Geographic 25/09/20

<https://www.nationalgeographic.co.uk/travel/2020/09/airport-coronavirus-testing>

Virgin Atlantic Rolls Out Airport COVID-19 Testing For Crew

Simple flying 05/10/20

<https://simpleflying.com/virgin-atlantic-crew-covid-tests/>

Strategising airport operations for the new norm

International Airport Review 08/10/20

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<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/article/138466/strategising-airport-operations-new-norm/>

UK Treasury base earmarked for Teesside Airport land under plans to bring civil service jobs north

Teeside Live 04/10/20

<https://www.gazettelive.co.uk/news/teesside-news/uk-treasury-base-earmarked-teesside-19046435>

Exeter Airport receives £1m bailout to stave off threat of closure

Business Live 01/10/20

<https://www.business-live.co.uk/enterprise/exeter-airport-receives-1m-bailout-19028842>

Environmental news

Why this space age airplane could change flying forever

CNN 03/10/20

<https://edition.cnn.com/travel/article/airbus-zero-emissions-concept-plane/index.html>

Air bp delivers 210 tonnes of sustainable aviation fuel

Biofuels International 29/09/20

<https://biofuels-news.com/news/air-bp-delivers-210-tonnes-of-sustainable-aviation-fuel/>

'Zero emissions' hydrogen plane test was part powered by fossil fuels

Nw Scientist 30/09/20

<https://www.newscientist.com/article/2255751-zero-emissions-hydrogen-plane-test-was-part-powered-by-fossil-fuels/#ixzz6aNhPINKD>

APD to rise on long-haul only (>2,000 miles) from £80 to £82 from April 2021 – no change in short haul £13 APD

Airport Watch 01/10/20

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2020/10/apd-to-rise-on-long-haul-only-2000-miles-from-80-to-82-from-april-2021-no-change-in-short-haul-13-apd/>

Aberdeen

Aberdeen Airport shortlisted as one of Europe's best airports

Evening Press 08/10/20

<https://www.eveningexpress.co.uk/fp/news/local/aberdeen-airport-shortlisted-as-one-of-europes-best-airports/>

Moment Flybe jet's brakes failed sending it rolling across tarmac to wedge UNDER another plane at Aberdeen airport

MailOnLine 08/10/20

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-8820721/Flybe-jets-brakes-FAIL-sending-ROLLING-taxiway-WEDGE-Loganair-plane.html>

Prestwick Airport talking to other potential buyers after sale fell through

The Scotsman 07/10/20

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/transport/prestwick-airport-talking-other-potential-buyers-after-sale-fell-through-2995331>

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Belfast City

Cardiff Airport reconnects with Belfast

UK aviation news 09/10/20

<https://ukaviation.news/cardiff-airport-reconnects-with-belfast/>

Two new flights take off as City Airport backfills old Flybe route network

Irish News 02/10/20

<https://www.irishnews.com/business/2020/10/02/news/two-new-flights-take-off-as-city-airport-backfills-old-flybe-route-network-2084929/>

Belfast City Airport is resilient, says boss as doubt cast on future

Belfast Telegraph 01/10/20

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/business/northern-ireland/belfast-city-airport-is-resilient-says-boss-as-doubt-cast-on-future-39580419.html>

Belfast International

Easyjet cuts back its operation at Belfast International Airport

Irish News 09/10/20

<https://www.irishnews.com/business/2020/10/09/news/easyjet-cuts-back-operation-at-belfast-international-airport-2092121/>

Birmingham

Airlines currently flying from Birmingham Airport and all available destinations amid coronavirus crisis

Birmingham Mail 29/09/20

<https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/uk-news/airlines-currently-flying-birmingham-airport-19017007>

Bristol

Campaigners 'appalled' by airport's attempt to buy land near site for improvements

Weston Mercury 09/10/20

<https://www.thewestonmercury.co.uk/news/campaigners-respond-to-bristol-airport-s-attempt-to-buy-land-1-6873793>

Plan to tackle climate emergency makes 'no mention of Bristol Airport'

Bristol Post 09/10/20

<https://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/bristol-news/weca-climate-emergency-action-plan-4589280>

East Midlands

As East Midlands Airport plans job cuts in its passenger areas, cargo operation gears up for busiest Christmas ever

Business Live 09/10/20

<https://www.business-live.co.uk/ports-logistics/east-midlands-airport-plans-job-19071457>

East Midlands Airport planning to cut dozens of jobs

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Leicester Mercury 07/10/20

<https://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/news/local-news/east-midlands-airport-planning-cut-4585131>

Edinburgh

Edinburgh Airport has created a dashboard to let passengers know daily coronavirus risk

Edinburgh Live 06/10/20

<https://www.edinburghlive.co.uk/news/edinburgh-news/edinburgh-airport-created-dashboard-passengers-19057898>

Ex-Ryanair executive flies into key post at Edinburgh Airport

The Scotsman 30/09/20

<https://www.scotsman.com/business/ex-ryanair-executive-flies-key-post-edinburgh-airport-2988301>

A drive-in pantomime is coming to Edinburgh Airport this Christmas

Edinburgh News 09/10/20

<https://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/whats-on/arts-and-entertainment/drive-pantomime-coming-edinburgh-airport-christmas-2997569>

Glasgow

Demands for blanket Covid testing at Scots airports to save holiday industry

Daily Record 09/10/20

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/health/travel-firms-demand-airport-testing-22816480>

Glasgow Prestwick

Huge firms kick off talks to buy Prestwick Airport

Daily Record 08/10/20

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/ayrshire/huge-firms-kick-talks-buy-22815246>

Prestwick Airport talking to other potential buyers after sale fell through

The Scotsman 07/10/20

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/transport/prestwick-airport-talking-other-potential-buyers-after-sale-fell-through-2995331>

Inverness

Centralising air traffic control for Hial airports 'unsafe'

BBC 01/20/20

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-highlands-islands-54370274>

Extra Covid-19 safety measures introduced at Inverness Airport

Strathspey Herald 29/09/20

<https://www.strathspey-herald.co.uk/news/extra-covid-19-safety-measures-introduced-at-inverness-airport-213615/>

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Leeds Bradford

Clean air call from airport campaigners

Wharfedale Observer 08/10/20

<https://www.wharfedaleobserver.co.uk/news/18771539.clean-air-call-airport-campaigners/>

Clash over airport expansion

Harrogate Advertiser 29/09/20

<https://www.harrogateadvertiser.co.uk/news/politics/council/clash-over-airport-expansion-2986622>

Liverpool

New road for Liverpool Airport

TransportXtra 02/10/20

<https://www.transportxtra.com/publications/local-transport-today/news/66913/new-road-for-liverpool-airport>

Full-year losses to top £800m at easyJet

Liverpool Business News 08/10/20

<https://lbdaily.co.uk/full-year-losses-top-800m-easyjet/>

London City

London City Airport ready to launch coronavirus testing regime to kickstart travel

Birmingham Mail 09/10/20

<https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/uk-news/london-city-airport-ready-launch-19076884>

London City Airport Achieves International Health Accreditation Standard

London Post 09/10/20

<https://london-post.co.uk/london-city-airport-achieves-international-health-accreditation-standard/>

London Gatwick

Gatwick to charge £5 drop-off fee to 'help the airport continue its recovery'

The Independent 06/10/20

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/gatwick-airport-passenger-drop-fee-b808162.html>

Gatwick Airport set to introduce new fee for passenger drop offs

The Points Guy 07/10/20

<https://thepointsguy.co.uk/news/lgw-drop-off-fee/>

London Heathrow

UK Supreme Court hears climate case on Heathrow airport expansion

Climate Change News 08/10/20

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<https://www.climatechangenews.com/2020/10/08/uk-supreme-court-hears-climate-case-heathrow-airport-expansion/>

Heathrow loses bid to jack up airport charges by £1.7bn

The Telegraph 09/10/20

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/business/2020/10/09/heathrow-loses-bid-jack-airport-charges-17bn/>

Heathrow Airport Third Runway Delayed To 2030 At The Earliest

The Independent 09/10/20

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/heathrow-airport-third-runway-appeal-delay-2030-supreme-court-b908330.html>

Heathrow airport adds five Mitsubishi Shogun Sports to fleet

Fleet News 09/10/20

<https://www.fleetnews.co.uk/news/manufacturer-news/2020/10/09/heathrow-airport-adds-five-mitsubishi-shogun-sports-to-fleet>

Terminal 2 at Heathrow Airport evacuated after 'suspicious item' found – recap

Get Surrey 02/10/20

<https://www.getsurrey.co.uk/news/surrey-news/terminal-2-heathrow-airport-evacuated-19038592>

London Luton

Planning permission for £15m hotel close to Luton Airport

Luton Today 03/10/20

<https://www.lutontoday.co.uk/news/environment/planning-permission-ps15m-hotel-close-luton-airport-2991870>

London Southend

Southend Airport's 'strong and modest' start to Covid recovery

Echo 05/10/20

<https://www.echo-news.co.uk/news/18771912.airports-strong-modest-start-covid-recovery/>

London Southend boss: Airport testing NOW is the only way to make passengers feel safe and get UK flying again

City AM 08/10/20

<https://www.cityam.com/london-southend-boss-airport-testing-now-is-the-only-way-to-make-passengers-feel-safe-and-get-uk-flying-again/>

'Amazon night flights are keeping Southend Airport going'

Echo 05/10/20

<https://www.echo-news.co.uk/news/18771542.amazon-night-flights-keeping-southend-airport-going/>

London Stansted

Stansted Airport job losses: 376 roles at risk locally among 892 in total as owner MAG looks to cut costs following 91% drop in demand for travel through its three airports

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Bishops Stortford Independent 07/10/20

<https://www.bishopstortfordindependent.co.uk/news/376-stansted-airport-roles-at-risk-as-owner-mag-looks-to-cut-costs-further-9125629/>

Stansted job losses: Union blasts 'total failure' of government to help airline industry

East Anglian Daily Times 08/10/20

<https://www.eadt.co.uk/business/unite-criticism-over-stansted-airport-job-losses-1-6874568>

London Stansted Airport's hidden history and what was there before it

Essex Live 01/10/20

<https://www.essexlive.news/news/essex-news/london-stansted-airports-hidden-history-4557605?cmpredirect=>

Online shopping boosts cargo volumes at London Stansted airport

Dunmow Broadcast 29/09/20

<https://www.dunmowbroadcast.co.uk/news/stansted-air-cargo-rates-exceed-expectations-1-6858322>

Manchester

All change at Manchester Piccadilly and Manchester Airport as proposed HS2 rail 'refinements' revealed

Manchester Evening News 07/10/20

<https://www.fleetnews.co.uk/news/manufacturing-news/2020/10/09/heathrow-airport-adds-five-mitsubishi-shogun-sports-to-fleet>

'It's like the Government just want the industry to collapse': Workers react to nearly 500 job losses at Manchester Airport - and MP warns of worse to come without support

Manchester Evening News 08/10/20

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/its-like-government-just-want-19069803>

Manchester Airport bosses to axe 465 jobs here - and 427 elsewhere across group - as virus 'resurges' across Europe... unions blame 'government failure'

Manchester Evening News 07/10/20

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/manchester-airport-redundancies-pandemic-unite-19065464>

Southampton

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The Scotsman 07/10/20

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/transport/prestwick-airport-talking-other-potential-buyers-after-sale-fell-through-2995331>

78% of flybe's international routes still unserved; Southampton worst hit

Anna Aero 28/09/20

<https://www.anna.aero/2020/09/28/78-of-flybes-international-routes-still-unserved-southampton-worst-hit/>

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Coronavirus test centres in Portsmouth: list of walk-through test centres - and who can get tested

The News 09/10/20

<https://www.portsmouth.co.uk/health/coronavirus-test-centres-portsmouth-list-walk-through-test-centres-and-who-can-get-tested-2559279>