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CURRENT NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

DfT Consultation: Night flight restrictions at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted airports between 2022 and 2024 plus future night flight policy

Closing date: 03/03/21

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/night-flight-restrictions-at-heathrow-gatwick-and-stansted-airports-between-2022-and-2024-plus-future-night-flight-policy>

CAA Consultation: Economic regulation of NATSEn Route plc: Consultation on the approach to the next price control review

Closing date: 12/01/2021

<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/economic-regulation/nerl-price-control-review-approach/>

CAA Consultation: CAA statutory charges FY21/22 consultation

Closing date: 04/02/2021

<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/finance/caa-charges-fy21-22/>

CAA Consultation: Public Safety Zones

Closing date: 23/12/2020

<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/aerodrome-standards-department/public-safety-zones/>

ICCAN consultation: ICCAN's emerging view on the future of aviation noise management

Closing date: 18/12/2020

<https://iccan.gov.uk/future-aviation-noise-management/>

DfT Consultation: Union connectivity review: call for evidence

Closing date: 30/12/2020

https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/union-connectivity-review-call-for-evidence?utm_source=8abcd2a4-8e55-40f1-904d-f1b7e1a634f6&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily

PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

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Coronavirus (COVID-19): safer air travel for passengers

How to travel safely in airports and on aircraft during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak

DfT Update – 14/12/2020

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-air-travel-guidance-for-passengers?utm_source=67d456cc-29d3-4bae-b2ff-048b320cd47a&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily

AEF Welcomes New Chair And Talks Airport Expansion At 2020 AGM

AEF – 15/12/2020

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2020/12/15/aef-welcomes-new-chair-and-talks-airport-expansion-at-2020-agm/>

International Civil Aviation Day

CAA Blog – 07/12/2020

<https://www.caa.co.uk/Blog-Posts/International-Civil-Aviation-Day/>

PRESS AND MEDIA

Headlines

Travellers are NOT a High Risk According to Latest Guidelines

The European Travel Commission is urging EU governments to follow EASA & ECDC guidelines, lift quarantines and restore mobility inside and outside the EU

NI Travel News – 12/12/2020

<https://nitravelnews.com/news/travellers-are-not-a-high-risk-according-to-latest-guidelines/>

Shambolic test-to-release scheme leaves travellers fuming

TravelMole – 15/12/2020

https://www.travelmole.com/news_feature.php?news_id=2045429&c=setreg®ion=2

Re-establishing global connectivity in the aviation sector

International Airport Review – 11/12/2020

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/article/146782/re-establishing-global-connectivity-aviation/>

Industry leaders warn Scottish aviation is being left behind on COVID-19 testing

International Airport Review – 16/12/2020

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/147035/scottish-aviation-left-behind/>

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Safety concerns raised over planes returning to service

TravelMole – 15/12/2020

https://www.travelmole.com/news_feature.php?news_id=2045427&c=setreg®ion=2

Passenger news

Between about 20 and 35% of future business travel may never return, post Covid

Airport Watch – 12/12/2020

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2020/12/between-about-20-and-35-of-future-business-travel-may-never-return-post-covid/>

Airlines investigated over lockdown refund cases

BBC – 16/12/2020

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-55330460>

Industry news

Travel cannot wait for vaccine roll out, warns WTTC

TravelMole – 14/12/2020

https://www.travelmole.com/news_feature.php?news_id=2045408&c=setreg®ion=2

Aviation employees should be considered as essential workers for COVID-19 vaccine, says IATA

International Airport Review – 16/12/2020

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/147070/aviation-employees-should-be-considered-as-essential-workers-for-covid-19-vaccine-says-iata/>

Environmental news

BA to explore hydrogen electric-powered aircraft

Travel Weekly – 14/12/2020

<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/395499/ba-to-explore-hydrogen-electric-powered-aircraft>

Belfast City

George Best airport awarded Covid-19 safety certification

Belfast City – 16/12/2020

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<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/395797/george-best-airport-awarded-covid-19-safety-certification>

Belfast International

Belfast International Airport forecast £22m hit from Covid before second wave

The Irish News – 16/12/2020

<https://www.irishnews.com/business/businessnews/2020/12/16/news/belfast-international-airport-forecast-22m-hit-from-covid-before-second-wave-2162214/>

Birmingham

Customs site opening at Birmingham Airport to help reduce Brexit delays at ports

Shropshire Star – 15/12/2020

<https://www.shropshirestar.com/news/politics/2020/12/15/customs-site-opening-at-birmingham-airport-to-help-reduce-brexit-delays-at-ports/>

Bournemouth

Ryanair to restart flights from Bournemouth Airport

BBC – 12/12/2020

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-hampshire-55280149>

Bristol

Bristol City Council Decides Airport Expansion ‘Incompatible’ With Carbon Reduction Targets

Bristol 247 – 11/12/2020

<https://www.bristol247.com/news-and-features/news/bristol-city-council-decides-airport-expansion-incompatible-with-carbon-reduction-targets/>

Doncaster Sheffield

Doncaster Sheffield Airport pilots pre-booked parking

Transport Xtra – 14/12/2020

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<https://www.transportxtra.com/publications/parking-review/news/67474/doncaster-sheffield-airport-pilots-pre-booked-parking>

East Midlands

Virtual passenger tour launched as East Midlands Airport's accessibility services rated 'Very Good' by Civil Aviation Authority

West Bridgford Wire – 11/12/2020

<https://westbridgfordwire.com/virtual-passenger-tour-launched-as-east-midlands-airports-accessibility-services-rated-very-good-by-civil-aviation-authority/>

Scaling back HS2 and linking to East Midlands Parkway station would be injection of "common sense" says MP

Business Live – 16/12/2020

<https://www.business-live.co.uk/ports-logistics/scaling-back-hs2-linking-leicestershire-19462139>

Edinburgh

Edinburgh Airport boss brands vaccine rollout "woefully inadequate"

Insider – 10/12/2020

<https://www.insider.co.uk/news/edinburgh-airport-boss-brands-vaccine-23147719>

Inverness

Bid submitted to build train station at Inverness Airport

The Northern Scot – 16/12/2020

<https://www.northern-scot.co.uk/news/bid-submitted-to-build-train-station-at-inverness-airport-221751/>

London City

London City Airport publishes master plan

Airport Business – 15/12/2020

<http://www.airport-business.com/2020/12/london-city-airport-publishes-master-plan/>

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London Gatwick

Gatwick reports upturn in festive demand

Travel Weekly – 15/12/2020

<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/395681/gatwick-reports-upturn-in-festive-demand>

London Heathrow

Supreme Court says plans for Heathrow third runway are legal, overturning climate crisis ruling

Independent – 16/12/2020

<https://www.independent.co.uk/environment/climate-change/heathrow-third-runway-climate-change-b1774831.html>

Key questions on Heathrow expansion ruling

Belfast Telegraph – 16/12/2020

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/uk/key-questions-on-heathrow-expansion-ruling-39870159.html>

Heathrow expansion 'far from certain'

The Ecologist – 16/12/2020

<https://theecologist.org/2020/dec/16/heathrow-expansion-far-certain>

Heathrow demands Rishi Sunak ends “disastrous” tourist tax on Duty Free shoppers as passenger numbers crash

Evening Standard – 11/12/2020

<https://www.standard.co.uk/business/heathrow-tourist-tax-duty-free-shoppers-aviation-rishi-sunak-airports-b255711.html>

Heathrow Terminal 4 Will Not Reopen Next Year As Demand Yet To Recover

London South East – 11/12/2020

<https://www.lse.co.uk/news/heathrow-terminal-4-will-not-reopen-next-year-as-demand-yet-to-recover-2p496h8daidw692.html>

Heathrow issues Covid-19 warning over festive getaway customer experience

Travel Weekly – 16/12/2020

<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/395795/heathrow-issues-covid-19-warning-over-festive-getaway-customer-experience>

Heathrow rail extension pushed back by several years

Ian Visits – 14/12/2020

<https://www.ianvisits.co.uk/blog/2020/12/14/heathrow-rail-extension-pushed-back-by-several-years/>

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London Luton

Proposed flight path changes at Luton Airport could cause disruption to our area, say campaigners

The Comet – 14/12/2020

<https://www.thecomet.net/news/luton-airport-flight-path-changes-6756378>

London Southend

London Southend Airport increases Covid-19 testing to seven days a week

Essex Live – 11/12/2020

<https://www.essexlive.news/news/essex-news/london-southend-airport-covid-testing-4791153>