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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/>

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

AEF Response To CAA Consultation On Revision Of The Dft's Public Safety Zone Policy

22/12/2020

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2020/12/22/aef-response-to-cao-consultation-on-revision-of-the-dfts-public-safety-zone-policy/>

Aviation (TSGB02): Data about air traffic, UK and international airlines and airports, produced by Department for Transport

DfT – 17/12/2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/tsgb02>

Aviation statistics: data tables (AVI): Data about UK air traffic, international airlines and air accidents and incidents, produced by Department for Transport

DfT and CAA – 17/12/2020

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/aviation-statistics-data-tables-avi>

PRESS AND MEDIA

Headlines

The key challenges for today's airports and becoming fit for the future

International Airport Review – 18/12/2020

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/article/146688/key-challenges-todays-airports/>

New Covid strain flight bans highlight need for aviation support

Travel Weekly – 22/12/2020

<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/396511/new-covid-strain-flight-bans-highlight-need-for-aviation-support>

Business travel boss issues government aid plea as new Covid restrictions bite

Travel Weekly – 23/12/2020

<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/396614/business-travel-boss-issues-government-aid-plea-as-new-covid-restrictions-bite>

Business travel recovery 'not expected until mid to late 2021'

Travel Weekly – 18/12/2020

<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/396131/business-travel-recovery-not-expected-until-mid-to-late-2021>

Airline revenue 'only going to come in second half of 2021'

Travel Weekly – 23/12/2020

<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/396589/airline-revenue-only-going-to-come-in-second-half-of-2021>

Virgin to introduce Covid screening on all London to US flights

TravelMole – 22/12/2020

https://www.travelmole.com/news_feature.php?news_id=2045518&c=setreg®ion=2

Tony Blair says 'prepare for health passports'

Travel Weekly – 23/12/2020

<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/396636/tony-blair-says-prepare-for-health-passports>

Passenger news

Airlines must be penalised for refusing Covid refunds, says consumer group

Guardian – 20/12/2020

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<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/dec/20/airlines-penalised-refusing-covid-refunds-consumer-groups>

Industry news

IATA unveils details of Covid-19 Travel Pass mobile app

Travel Weekly – 17/12/2020

<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/395994/iata-unveils-details-of-covid-19-travel-pass-mobile-app>

The Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore and UK Civil Aviation Authority strengthen bilateral partnership

International Airport Review – 18/12/2020

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/147291/the-civil-aviation-authority-of-singapore-and-uk-civil-aviation-authority-strengthen-bilateral-partnership/>

Environmental news

Stop Expanding Airports, Include Aviation In Carbon Budgets, And Don't Let Airlines Off The Hook With Carbon Offsets, CCC Has Advised

AEF – 18/12/2020

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2020/12/18/stop-expanding-airports-include-aviation-in-carbon-budgets-and-dont-let-airlines-off-the-hook-with-carbon-offsets-ccc-has-advised/>

Aberdeen

Campaigners hail win after easyJet's Aberdeen-Gatwick flights reinstated

Evening Express – 18/12/2020

<https://www.eveningexpress.co.uk/fp/news/local/campaigners-hail-win-after-easyjets-aberdeen-gatwick-flights-reinstated/>

Belfast City

Belfast City becomes first in NI to achieve ACI Airport Health award

Newsletter – 16/12/2020

<https://www.newsletter.co.uk/business/consumer/belfast-city-becomes-first-ni-achieve-aci-airport-health-award-3068457>

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Bristol

Bristol Airport launches Covid-19 tests for passengers arriving on international flights

Swindon Business News – 17/12/2020

<http://swindon-business.net/index.php/2020/12/17/bristol-airport-launches-covid-19-tests-for-passengers-arriving-on-international-flights/>

Doncaster Sheffield

Doncaster Sheffield Airport Make Management Changes

Insider Media – 17/12/2020

<https://www.insidermedia.com/news/yorkshire/doncaster-sheffield-airport-make-management-changes>

German airline Lufthansa flies 80 tons of fruit and vegetables to Doncaster Sheffield Airport to alleviate border chaos

Yorkshire Post – 23/12/2020

<https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/people/german-airline-lufthansa-flies-80-tons-fruit-and-vegetables-doncaster-sheffield-airport-alleviate-border-chaos-3077550>

Edinburgh

Edinburgh Airport-bound EasyJet passengers left on 'claustrophobic' bus after plane issue

Edinburgh Live – 22/12/2020

<https://www.edinburghlive.co.uk/news/edinburgh-news/edinburgh-airport-bound-easyjet-passengers-19505178>

Inverness

Hial air traffic workers to take industrial action

BBC – 22/12/2020

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-highlands-islands-55403418>

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Leeds Bradford

Expert says expansion will fly

Wetherby News – 23/12/2020

<https://www.wetherbynews.co.uk/news/environment/expert-says-expansion-will-fly-3077683>

Liverpool

Private Covid testing service opens at Liverpool airport

Travel Weekly – 23/12/2020

<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/396678/private-covid-testing-service-opens-at-liverpool-airport>

London City

London City airport completes ‘milestone’ first phase of expansion

Travel Weekly – 18/12/2020

<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/396164/london-city-airport-completes-milestone-first-phase-of-expansion>

London Gatwick

BA to restart non-TATL, domestic ops from Gatwick in 1Q21

CH Aviation – 22/12/2020

<https://www.ch-aviation.com/portal/news/98590-ba-to-restart-non-tatl-domestic-ops-from-gatwick-in-1q21>

London Heathrow

‘Seismic’ impact of Covid forces downgrade in Heathrow projections

Travel Weekly – 18/12/2020

<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/396127/seismic-impact-of-covid-forces-downgrade-in-heathrow-projections>

Drive-through Covid testing site opens at Heathrow

Travel Weekly – 18/12/2020

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<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/396117/drive-though-covid-testing-site-opens-at-heathrow>

Strike by BA cargo workers to go ahead from Christmas Day, Unite announces

Belfast Telegraph – 23/12/2020

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/uk/strike-by-ba-cargo-workers-to-go-ahead-from-christmas-day-unite-announces-39894849.html>

Legal challenges against government – new one by the Good Law Project on aviation and Heathrow

Airport Watch – 19/12/2020

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2020/12/legal-challenges-against-government-new-one-by-the-good-law-project-on-aviation-and-heathrow/>

Ministers face fresh legal challenge over Heathrow airport plans

Guardian – 19/12/2020

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/dec/19/ministers-face-fresh-legal-challenge-over-heathrow-airport-plans>

Scottish Government pushed to drop Heathrow runway support

STV – 17/12/2020

<https://news.stv.tv/politics/scottish-government-pushed-to-drop-heathrow-runway-support?top>

London Luton

Covid-19: London Luton Airport 'could take years to recover'

BBC – 19/12/2020

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-beds-bucks-herts-55089151>

London Southend

Southend Airport opens private Covid-19 testing site

TravelMole – 21/12/2020

https://www.travelmole.com/news_feature.php?news_id=2045489&c=setreg®ion=2

London Stansted

Stansted passengers down to around the level in 2000; huge reduction in the UK tourism deficit, due to Covid

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Airport Watch – 18/12/2020

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2020/12/stansted-passengers-down-to-around-the-level-in-2000-huge-reduction-in-the-uk-tourism-deficit-due-to-covid/>

Manchester

Manchester Airport Loses Its Remaining US-Based Carrier

TTG – 22/12/2020

<https://www.ttgmedia.com/news/news/manchester-airport-loses-its-remaining-us-based-carrier-26720>

Newcastle

'On-the-go' sanitiser gets Newcastle Airport trial

BBC – 20/12/2020

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-tyne-55385908>

Newcastle Airport first in UK to operate fully electric airside bus

ITV – 21/12/2020

<https://www.itv.com/news/tyne-tees/2020-12-21/newcastle-airport-first-in-uk-to-operate-fully-electric-airside-bus>