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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](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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### **The impact of COVID-19 on the airport business – ACI Advisory Bulletin**

[https://aci.aero/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Advisory\\_Bulletin\\_The\\_impact\\_of\\_COVID\\_19\\_on\\_the\\_airport\\_business.pdf?\\_cldee=cmViZWNjYWVveEBoY2ViLm9yZy51aw%3d%3d&recipientid=lead-880a033d1be2ea11a813000d3af3a14a-5e5d24e28c9540d3880267d970978c3d&esid=389e565e-c738-eb11-a813-000d3af3a7a7](https://aci.aero/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Advisory_Bulletin_The_impact_of_COVID_19_on_the_airport_business.pdf?_cldee=cmViZWNjYWVveEBoY2ViLm9yZy51aw%3d%3d&recipientid=lead-880a033d1be2ea11a813000d3af3a14a-5e5d24e28c9540d3880267d970978c3d&esid=389e565e-c738-eb11-a813-000d3af3a7a7)

**UK Civil Aviation Authority reports on accessibility progress at UK airports: To mark International Disability Day, the UK Civil Aviation Authority has highlighted the progress that airports have made since the introduction of the regulator's airport accessibility framework five years ago**

CAA – 03/12/2020

<https://www.caa.co.uk/News/UK-Civil-Aviation-Authority-reports-on-accessibility-progress-at-UK-airports/>

### **CAP1978: Airport Accessibility Report 2019/2020**

**Full**

**report:**<http://publicapps.caa.co.uk/modalapplication.aspx?catid=1&pagetype=65&appid=11&mode=detail&id=9874&filter=2>

**ICCAN best practice for engagement between airports and communities on aviation noise**

ICCAN – December 2020

[https://iccan.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020\\_12\\_02\\_ICCAN\\_Best\\_Practice\\_Engagement.pdf](https://iccan.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020_12_02_ICCAN_Best_Practice_Engagement.pdf)

**The Sixth Carbon Budget The UK's path to Net Zero**

Climate Change Committee – December 2020

<https://www.theccc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/The-Sixth-Carbon-Budget-The-UKs-path-to-Net-Zero.pdf>

**Global Guidelines for Safe and Seamless Traveller Journey: The adoption of innovative digital technologies to enable seamless travel**

WTTC – 08/12/2020

<https://wttc.org/Initiatives/Security-Travel-Facilitation>

**Correspondence: Strategic Priorities for the UK Civil Aviation Authority**

CAA – 03/12/2020

<https://www.caa.co.uk/News/Correspondence--Strategic-Priorities-for-the-UK-Civil-Aviation-Authority/>

## PRESS AND MEDIA

### Headlines

**Special Report: Government to pursue all 14 taskforce proposals**

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Travel Weekly – 03/12/2020

<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/394609/special-report-government-to-pursue-all-14-taskforce-proposals>

### **Covid impact on airport-related jobs shown in new jobless figures – bad in areas too dependent on aviation**

Airport Watch – 07/12/2020

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2020/12/covid-impact-on-airport-related-jobs-shown-in-new-jobless-figures-bad-in-areas-too-dependent-on-aviation/>

### **Call for European Covid travel restrictions to be lifted**

Travel Weekly – 07/12/2020

<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/394891/call-for-european-covid-travel-restrictions-to-be-lifted>

### **Complexity of Covid travel regulations ‘hitting traveller confidence’**

Travel Weekly – 04/12/2020

<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/394744/complexity-of-covid-travel-regulations-hitting-traveller-confidence>

### **Fears raised over British travellers being barred from EU**

Travel Weekly – 10/12/2020

<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/395209/fears-raised-over-british-travellers-being-barred-from-eu>

### **Manchester, Stansted and East Midlands airports make huge loss**

TravelMole – 09/12/2020

[https://www.travelmole.com/news\\_feature.php?news\\_id=2045363&c=setreg&region=2](https://www.travelmole.com/news_feature.php?news_id=2045363&c=setreg&region=2)

### **Government rejects plea to ban night flights amid noise complaints**

AOL – 02/12/2020

<https://www.aol.co.uk/news/2020/12/02/government-rejects-plea-to-ban-night-flights-amid-noise-complain/>

### **Airlines plea for state stimulus to combat ‘unrelenting’ Covid crisis**

Travel Weekly – 09/12/2020

<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/395064/airlines-plea-for-state-stimulus-to-combat-unrelenting-covid-crisis>

### **Passenger news**

### **Business travellers to get quarantine exemption**

Travel Weekly – 03/12/2020

<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/394728/business-travellers-to-get-quarantine-exemption>

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### **Updated: Exemption from quarantine ‘should apply to all business travel’**

Travel Weekly – 04/12/2020

<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/394740/updated-exemption-from-quarantine-should-apply-to-all-business-travel>

### **Want to fly from London to New York in less than 4 hours? Hear from the company who could make that happen**

The Points Guy – 04/12/2020

<https://thepointsguy.co.uk/news/future-of-travel-supersonic-flights/>

### **Industry news**

#### **IATA calls for Covid testing exemption for airline crews**

TravelMole – 08/12/2020

[https://www.travelmole.com/news\\_feature.php?news\\_id=2045352&c=setreg&region=2](https://www.travelmole.com/news_feature.php?news_id=2045352&c=setreg&region=2)

#### **Trade demands ‘urgent review’ of Foreign Office travel advice**

Travel Weekly – 09/12/2020

<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/395120/trade-demands-urgent-review-of-foreign-office-travel-advice>

### **Environmental news**

#### **Stop Airport Expansions To Help Reach Net Zero Emissions, Say Government’s Official Climate Advisors**

AEF – 09/12/2020

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2020/12/09/stop-airport-expansions-to-help-reach-net-zero-emissions-say-governments-official-climate-advisors/>

#### **British Airways appoints first head of sustainability**

Travel Weekly – 07/12/2020

<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/394918/british-airways-appoints-first-head-of-sustainability>

#### **Etihad Airways steps up measures to cut emissions**

Travel Weekly – 08/12/2020

<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/394997/etihad-airways-steps-up-measures-to-cut-emissions>

### **Belfast City**

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### **UK CAA awards Belfast City Airport with highest accessibility services rating**

International Airport Review – 07/12/2020

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/146555/uk-cao-belfast-city-airport-accessibility-rating/>

### **Belfast International**

### **Marginal recovery in activity at Belfast International Airport wiped out in October**

The Irish News – 05/12/2020

<https://www.irishnews.com/business/2020/12/05/news/marginal-recovery-in-activity-at-belfast-international-airport-wiped-out-in-october-2151467/>

### **Birmingham**

### **Birmingham Airport may miss festive travel rush because of Covid test failure**

Birmingham Live – 07/12/2020

<https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/birmingham-airport-miss-festive-travel-19398896>

### **Bournemouth**

### **Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole prepare bid for free port status**

BBC – 09/02/2020

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-dorset-55231662>

### **Bristol**

### **Bristol Airport: City council U-turn on expansion plans**

BBC – 09/12/2020

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-bristol-55244136>

### **Doncaster Sheffield**

### **Flights resume from Doncaster Sheffield airport**

Travel Weekly – 04/12/2020

<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/394757/flights-resume-from-doncaster-sheffield-airport>

### **Edinburgh**

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### **Nicola Sturgeon accused by Edinburgh Airport of 'campaigning against aviation'**

Edinburgh News – 10/12/2020

<https://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/transport/nicola-sturgeon-accused-edinburgh-airport-campaigning-against-aviation-3063380>

### **Edinburgh dad fumes after being charged £45 to pick his son up from the airport**

Edinburgh Live – 09/12/2020

<https://www.edinburghlive.co.uk/news/edinburgh-news/edinburgh-dad-fumes-after-being-19427894>

## **Glasgow**

### **Glasgow Airport worker takes on December runway charity challenge**

Daily Record – 08/12/2020

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/local-news/glasgow-airport-worker-takes-december-23134304>

## **Inverness**

### **Return of flights at Inverness Airport welcomed as English lockdown restrictions are eased**

Inverness Courier – 05/12/2020

<https://www.inverness-courier.co.uk/news/return-of-flights-welcomed-220514/>

## **Liverpool**

### **2020 is 'worst ever year' for Liverpool Airport**

LBN – 08/12/2020

<https://lbdaily.co.uk/2020-worst-ever-year-liverpool-airport/>

## **London City**

### **London City Airport publishes new master plan that supports recovery and growth**

International Airport Review – 07/12/2020

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/146547/london-city-airport-master-plan/>

### **Relief as plans for more weekend London City Airport flights shelved**

853 – 04/12/2020

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<https://853.london/2020/12/04/relief-as-plans-for-more-weekend-london-city-airport-flights-shelved/>

### London Gatwick

#### **Covid: Gatwick test centre boss apologises for delays**

BBC – 09/12/2020

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-sussex-55235679>

#### **Report Calls for ‘Green New Deal’ for Gatwick**

Desmog – 07/12/2020

<https://www.desmog.co.uk/2020/12/07/report-calls-green-new-deal-gatwick-not-aviation-tax-cuts>

#### **Podcast: The mystery of the Gatwick drone**

Guardian – 09/12/2020

<https://www.theguardian.com/news/audio/2020/dec/10/the-mystery-gatwick-drone>

### London Heathrow

#### **Heathrow airport says it will cut dividend payouts amid torrid year**

Yahoo – 06/12/2020

<https://uk.finance.yahoo.com/news/heathrow-dividend-shareholders-airport-covid19-travel-airline-industry-aviation-coronavirus-115629330.html>

#### **Proposed planning policy changes could impact high carbon developments like Heathrow expansion (and Cumbria coal mine)**

Airport Watch – 07/12/2020

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2020/12/proposed-planning-policy-changes-could-impact-heathrow-expansion-and-cumbria-coal-mine/>

#### **Heathrow proposes to charge drivers £5 to drop off as part of its ‘green initiative’**

Eastern Eye – 05/12/2020

<https://www.easterneye.biz/heathrow-proposes-to-charge-drivers-5-to-drop-off-as-part-of-its-green-initiative/>

### London Luton

#### **Luton Airport forecasts historic low December traffic**

TravelMole – 07/12/2020

[https://www.travelmole.com/news\\_feature.php?news\\_id=2045330&c=setreg&region=2](https://www.travelmole.com/news_feature.php?news_id=2045330&c=setreg&region=2)

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### **Eight weeks left for public to have their say on flight path changes**

NATS – 09/12/2020

<https://www.nats.aero/news/eight-weeks-left-for-public-to-have-their-say-on-flight-path-changes/>

### **London Southend**

#### **Reindeers fly down Southend Airport runway for local fundraiser**

In Your Area – 09/12/2020

<https://www.inyourarea.co.uk/news/reindeers-fly-down-southend-airport-runway-for-local-fundraiser/>

### **London Stansted**

#### **COVID-19 testing facility opens at London Stansted Airport**

International Airport Review – 03/12/2020

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/146432/covid-19-testing-london-stansted-airport/>

### **Manchester**

#### **Virgin Atlantic to resume Manchester operations**

Travel Weekly – 03/12/2020

<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/394700/virgin-atlantic-to-resume-manchester-operations>

### **Southampton**

#### **Southampton Airport expansion: Council decision delayed until 2021**

BBC – 09/12/2020

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-hampshire-55232264>

#### **British Airways adds 11 Europe routes from Southampton**

Travel Weekly – 09/12/2020

<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/395154/british-airways-adds-11-europe-routes-from-southampton>