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CURRENT NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

HM Treasury: Consultation on aviation tax reform

Closing date: 14/06/2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-aviation-tax-reform>

Economic regulation of Gatwick Airport Limited: Notice of proposed licence modifications

Closing date: 25/03/2021

<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/economic-regulation/gatwick-airport-limited-licence-modifications/>

DfT Consultation: Night flights restrictions at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted airports beyond 2024, plus national night flight policy

Closing date: 31/05/2021

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

PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

ICCAN report on the future of noise management

ICCAN – 18/03/2021

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

ICCAN Corporate Strategy 2021-2024

ICCAN – 18/03/2021

<https://iccan.gov.uk/iccan-corporate-strategy-2021-2024/>

CAP1616: Airspace change: Guidance on the regulatory process for changing the notified airspace design and planned and permanent redistribution of air traffic, and on providing airspace information

Updated March 2021

<https://publicapps.caa.co.uk/modalapplication.aspx?appid=11&mode=detail&id=8127>

Remobilising the Airspace Change Programme report: DfT and CAA response

DfT & CAA statement – 19/03/2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/update-on-airspace-modernisation>

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Aviation 2020: Data summary: The UK Civil Aviation Authority has published data which illustrates the significant effects of the coronavirus pandemic on the aviation sector in 2020

CAA – 19/03/2021

<https://www.caa.co.uk/News/Aviation-2020--Data-summary/>

ACI World publishes updated COVID-19 restart and recovery guidance

International Airport Review – 16/03/2021

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/154852/aci-world-updated-covid-19-restart-recovery-guidance/>

ICAO Council approves six new Covid-19 recommendations to restart air travel

Aerospace Technology – 15/03/2021

<https://www.aerospace-technology.com/news/icao-covid19-recommendations-air-travel/>

New approaches to increasing revenue, optimising costs and improving the passenger experience

International Airport Review – 15/03/2021

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/article/154784/new-approaches-increasing-revenue/>

Comment: Expect changes for the better

Travel Weekly – 17/03/2021

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/in-depth/comment/comment-expect-changes-for-the-better>

[NATS records first day with zero westbound North Atlantic tracks](#)

NATS Blog – 16/03/2021

PRESS AND MEDIA

Headlines

'Final call' for support of aviation industry

Evening Standard – 17/03/2021

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/unite-rishi-sunak-grant-shapps-british-airways-rollsroyce-b924613.html>

Airport industry counts the cost of Covid one year on

New Civil Engineer – 22/03/2021

<https://www.newcivilengineer.com/latest/airport-industry-counts-the-cost-of-covid-one-year-on-22-03-2021/>

Travellers face hefty fines for overseas trips under new Covid law

TravelMole – 23/03/2021

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https://www.travelmole.com/news_feature.php?news_id=2046535&c=setreg®ion=2

British travellers cautious about paying for Covid PCR tests

Travel Weekly – 15/03/2021

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/british-travellers-cautious-about-paying-for-covid-pcr-tests>

BA boss urges UK to be global leader in reopening international travel

Travel Weekly – 15/03/2021

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/ba-boss-urges-uk-to-be-global-leader-in-reopening-international-travel>

Updated: PM reveals announcement on overseas holidays on April 5

Travel Weekly – 23/03/2021

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/pm-hints-at-announcement-on-overseas-holidays-on-april-5>

UK considers 'traffic light' system for overseas travel

TravelMole – 23/03/2021

https://www.travelmole.com/news_feature.php?news_id=2046534&c=setreg®ion=2

Defence secretary under fire for dampening summer holiday hopes

Travel Weekly – 22/03/2021

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/tourism/defence-secretary-under-fire-for-dampening-summer-holiday-hopes>

Number Of UK Air Passengers Slumps By 75% In 2020 As Covid Decimates Travel Industry

Independent – 19/03/2021

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/air-travel-cao-uk-passengers-2020-b1819751.html>

More than 30% of passenger aircraft remain grounded around the world

The Points Guy – 18/03/2021

<https://thepointsguy.co.uk/news/30-percent-aircraft-remain-grounded/>

Consultation starts on cutting APD on domestic flights

Travel Weekly – 24/03/2021

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/consultation-starts-on-cutting-apd-on-domestic-flights>

Simon Jupp: To support regional airports, ministers should cut Air Passenger Duty

Conservative Home – 19/03/2021

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<https://www.conservativehome.com/platform/2021/03/simon-jupp-to-support-regional-airports-ministers-should-cut-air-passenger-duty.html>

Proposed Air Passenger Duty Cut Sends The Wrong Signal

AEF – 18/03/2021

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2021/03/18/proposed-air-passenger-duty-cut-sends-the-wrong-signal/>

Home Office, Police and CAA join together to act on drone crime

CAA – 22/03/2021

<https://www.caa.co.uk/News/Home-Office,-Police-and-CAA-join-together-to-act-on-drone-crime/>

Vaccine passports may be on the way – but are they a reason for hope or a cause for concern?

The Conversation – 12/03/2021

<https://theconversation.com/vaccine-passports-may-be-on-the-way-but-are-they-a-reason-for-hope-or-a-cause-for-concern-156534>

IAG secures \$1.76bn credit facility against Gatwick, Heathrow landing rights

London South East – 23/03/2021

<https://www.lse.co.uk/news/iag-secures-1-76bn-credit-facility-against-gatwick-heathrow-landing-rights-i75ygf2adc8hk4j.html>

Passenger news

CAA holding talks with government over RCNs extension

Travel Weekly – 18/03/2021

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/tour-operators/caa-holding-talks-with-government-over-rcns-extension>

Industry news

IATA demands government ‘roadmaps’ to restart travel

Travel Weekly – 19/03/2021

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/iata-demands-government-roadmaps-to-restart-travel>

Airports back fresh airspace upgrade funds

Travel Weekly – 19/03/2021

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/airports-back-fresh-airspace-upgrade-funds>

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Environmental news

Why noise pollution is bad for your heart

BBC – 16/03/2021

<https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20210315-why-noise-pollution-is-bad-for-your-heart>

DfT launches £15m sustainable aviation fuel competition

Travel Weekly – 16/03/2021

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/df-t-launches-15m-sustainable-aviation-fuel-competition>

Climate claims myth-busted: Are any airlines really 'green'?

Independent – 23/03/2021

<https://www.independent.co.uk/climate-change/sustainable-living/climate-airlines-green-sustainable-flights-b1819236.html>

Jet fuel produced from food waste could dramatically cut emissions, study finds

Independent – 16/03/2021

<https://www.independent.co.uk/climate-change/news/jet-fuel-food-waste-emissions-b1817813.html>

Claim That New Fuel From Waste Will Massively Cut Flying Emissions Is Dangerously Misleading

AEF – 16/03/2021

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2021/03/16/claim-that-new-fuel-from-waste-will-massively-cut-flying-emissions-is-dangerously-misleading/>

Will a British bioelectric hybrid plane really take off?

Guardian – 18/03/2021

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/mar/18/will-a-british-bioelectric-hybrid-plane-really-take-off>

Sweden to increase airport fees for high-polluting planes

Guardian – 23/03/2021

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/mar/23/sweden-to-increase-airport-fees-for-high-polluting-planes>

Aberdeen

Rapid Covid testing launched at Aberdeen airport

Evening Express – 23/03/2021

https://www.eveningexpress.co.uk/?post_type=fp&p=1865239

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Birmingham

£5.7m Birmingham Airport support package approved by Coventry councillors

Coventry Telegraph – 18/03/2021

<https://www.coventrytelegraph.net/news/coventry-news/57m-birmingham-airport-support-package-20197724>

Birmingham Airport secures ISO 45001 certification

ADS Advance – 24/03/2021

<https://www.adsadvance.co.uk/birmingham-airport-secures-iso-45001-certification.html>

Birmingham Airport makes big step ahead of foreign holidays restart

Birmingham Mail – 23/03/2021

<https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/birmingham-airport-makes-big-step-20214019>

Doncaster Sheffield

Community groups can still apply for funding from Doncaster Sheffield Airport's £10,000 project pot

Doncaster Free Press – 17/03/2021

<https://www.doncasterfreepress.co.uk/news/people/community-groups-can-still-apply-for-funding-from-doncaster-sheffield-airports-ps10000-project-pot-3167522>

East Midlands

New images reveal vision of 'futuristic recovery' for East Midlands

The Business Desk – 24/03/2021

<https://www.thebusinessdesk.com/eastmidlands/news/2046809-new-images-reveal-vision-of-futuristic-recovery-for-east-midlands>

Glasgow

Glasgow Airport introduces new rapid Covid testing facilities

Glasgow Times – 23/03/2021

<https://www.glasgowtimes.co.uk/news/19180752.glasgow-airport-introduces-new-rapid-covid-testing-facilities/>

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Inverness

Air traffic control motion wins support of councillors

Shet News – 17/03/2021

<https://www.shetnews.co.uk/2021/03/17/air-traffic-control-motion-wins-support-of-councillors/>

Leeds Bradford

‘Cloud cuckoo land’: Climate campaigners pile pressure on government to block Leeds Bradford Airport expansion plans

Independent – 24/03/2021

<https://www.independent.co.uk/climate-change/news/leeds-bradford-airport-expansion-latest-b1821296.html>

New climate commission writes to Government in light of Leeds Bradford Airport decision

Yorkshire Post – 20/03/2021

<https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/politics/new-climate-commission-writes-to-government-in-light-of-leeds-bradford-airport-decision-3170996>

Leeds Bradford Airport sees loss of three million passengers in 2020 but sees surge in demand for 2021

Yorkshire Evening Post – 19/03/2021

<https://www.yorkshireeveningpost.co.uk/business/consumer/leeds-bradford-airport-sees-loss-of-three-million-passengers-in-2020-but-sees-surge-in-demand-for-2021-3171412>

Liverpool

John Lennon Airport runway plans branded 'act of vandalism' by village councillors

Echo – 17/03/2021

<https://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/liverpool-news/john-lennon-airport-runway-plans-20199342>

London Gatwick

Campaign groups call for ban on Gatwick Airport night flights

West Sussex County Times – 19/03/2021

<https://www.wscountytimes.co.uk/news/people/campaign-groups-call-for-ban-on-gatwick-airport-night-flights-3171791>

VINCI Airports announces two new routes from Toulon Hyères airport operated by easyJet

Vinci Airports – 11/03/2021

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<https://www.vinci-airports.com/en/news/vinci-airports-announces-two-new-routes-toulon-hyeres-airport-operated-easyjet>

London Heathrow

People overflown by Heathrow dreading the resumption of increased plane noise, when flight restrictions are eased

Airport Watch – 15/03/2021

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2021/03/people-overflown-by-heathrow-dreading-the-resumption-of-increased-plane-noise-when-flight-restrictions-are-eased/>

Unite plans 23 days of strikes at Heathrow over 'fire and rehire' plans

City AM – 17/03/2021

<https://www.cityam.com/unite-plans-23-days-of-strikes-at-heathrow-over-fire-and-rehire-plans/>

IATA hails full trial of digital Travel Pass at Heathrow

Travel Weekly – 17/03/2021

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/iata-hails-full-trial-of-digital-travel-pass-at-heathrow>

British Airways plots sale of its Heathrow HQ as staff could be allowed to work from home more often

This is Money – 20/03/2021

<https://www.thisismoney.co.uk/money/markets/article-9383589/British-Airways-plots-sale-Heathrow-HQ.html>

Could JetBlue Fly To London Heathrow After All?

One Mile At A Time – 16/03/2021

<https://onemileatime.com/jetblue-london-heathrow/>

London Luton

London Luton Airport welcomes extra funding to deliver quicker, quieter and cleaner journeys

Hertfordshire Mercury – 22/03/2021

<https://www.hertfordshiremercury.co.uk/news/hertfordshire-news/london-luton-airport-welcomes-extra-5212375>

London Southend

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Southend Airport to compensate homeowners over noise

Ends Report – 23/03/2021

<https://www.endsreport.com/article/1710766/southend-airport-compensate-homeowners-noise>

Southend Airport announces new online system that allows residents to track aircraft movements near airport

Essex Live – 21/03/2021

<https://www.essexlive.news/news/essex-news/southend-airport-announces-new-online-5209727>

Southend Airport boss: Talks with 'dozens' of airlines

Maldon Standard – 21/03/2021

https://www.maldonandburnhamstandard.co.uk/news/south_essex_news/19174809.no-doubt-future-southend-airport-bosses-insist/

Health focus for charity donations by London Southend Airport Consultative Committee

Leigh Times – 19/03/2021

<https://www.leightimes.co.uk/article.cfm?id=128590&headline=Leigh%3A%20Health%20focus%20for%20charity%20donations%20by%20London%20Southend%20Airport%20Consultative%20Committee§ionIs=news&searchyear=2021>

London Stansted

Stansted Public Inquiry – MAG challenging Uttlesford's refusal – has ended. Inspectors' decision by June?

Airport Watch – 15/03/2021

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2021/03/stansted-public-inquiry-mag-challenging-uttlesfords-refusal-has-ended-inspectors-decision-junehas-ended/>

Stansted Airport's 30 year anniversary muted by Covid-19 pandemic

ITV – 15/03/2021

<https://www.itv.com/news/anglia/2021-03-15/stansted-airports-30-year-anniversary-muted-by-covid-19-pandemic>

Manchester

Aer Lingus Launches First UK Base At Manchester Airport – Creating 120 Jobs And Four New Transatlantic Routes

About Manchester – 24/03/2021

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<https://aboutmanchester.co.uk/aer-lingus-launches-first-uk-base-at-manchester-airport-creating-120-jobs-and-four-new-transatlantic-routes/>

Southampton

Southampton Airport expansion recommended for approval

BBC – 17/03/2021

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-hampshire-56430416>