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CURRENT NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

CAA Consultation: Engagement on our Strategy and Regulatory Principles

Closing date: 31/12/2021

<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/corporate-communications/our-strategy-and-regulatory-principles/>

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

Closing date: 03/09/2021

<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

Government publishes world's first 'greenprint' to decarbonise all modes of domestic transport by 2050

DfT – 14/07/2021

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-publishes-worlds-first-greenprint-to-decarbonise-all-modes-of-domestic-transport-by-2050?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=ddd93dda-3fea-4fd8-8e40-fb4594a73e5e&utm_content=daily

Future flight challenge launches aviation safety framework

UK Research & Innovation – 12/07/2021

<https://www.ukri.org/news/future-flight-challenge-launches-aviation-safety-framework/>

Fixed Penalty Notice data published for 2021 Q1: The UK Civil Aviation Authority has published data on the number of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) issued to airlines for carrying passengers who had not complied with Covid-19 requirements for international passengers travelling to the UK

CAA – 14/07/2021

<https://www.caa.co.uk/News/Fixed-Penalty-Notice-data-published-for-2021-Q1/>

What are package holidays and what makes them so safe?

CAA Blog – 14/07/2021

<https://www.caa.co.uk/Blog-Posts/What-are-package-holidays-and-what-makes-them-so-safe/>

PRESS AND MEDIA

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Headlines

Airports owner challenges UK government on travel restrictions

London South East – 09/07/2021

<https://www.lse.co.uk/news/airports-owner-challenges-uk-government-on-travel-restrictions-xecks5f6gqspe9d.html>

Shapps dismisses calls for increased transparency on data

Travel Weekly – 09/07/2021

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/shapps-dismisses-calls-for-increased-transparency-on-data>

Industry welcomes UK government decision to allow vaccinated travellers to avoid quarantine

International Airport Review – 09/07/2021

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/161457/uk-vaccinated-travellers-avoid-quarantine/>

Johnson pledges to retain ‘tough Covid policy at our borders’

Travel Weekly – 12/07/2021

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/johnson-pledges-to-retain-tough-covid-policy-at-our-borders>

Four nations approach ‘vital’ for international travel

Aviation sector bosses have warned against further divergence from the rest of the UK on travel rules

STV – 08/07/2021

<https://news.stv.tv/politics/four-nations-approach-vital-for-international-travel?top>

Saliva-based Covid test provider partners with Abta

Travel Weekly – 13/07/2021

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/tour-operators/saliva-based-covid-test-provider-partners-with-abta>

People ‘feeling safer’ about foreign travel

Travel Weekly – 13/07/2021

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/tourism/people-feeling-safer-about-foreign-travel>

Local Authorities must question if it is justifiable, or a financial asset, to own an airport

Airport Watch – 10/07/2021

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2021/07/local-authorities-must-question-if-it-is-justifiable-or-a-financial-asset-to-own-an-airport/>

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Is the aviation sector ready for another supersonic age?

Engineering & Technology – 13/07/2021

<https://eandt.theiet.org/content/articles/2021/07/is-the-aviation-sector-ready-for-another-supersonic-age/>

Passenger news

Comment: Passenger Covid-19 Charter can help travel firms on refunds

Travel Weekly – 08/07/2021

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/in-depth/comment/comment-passenger-covid-19-charter-can-help-travel-firms-on-refunds>

ATOL warns consumers to check financial protection before booking

CAA – 14/07/2021

<https://www.caa.co.uk/News/ATOL-warns-consumers-to-check-financial-protection-before-booking/>

Air Fares To Amber Countries Skyrocket Following Vaccination Announcement

Independent – 09/07/2021

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/flights-fares-expensive-amber-list-b1880586.html>

Industry news

Industry lobbies for more easing before summer recess

Travel Weekly – 14/07/2021

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/industry-lobbies-for-more-easing-before-summer-recess>

IATA: Global air traffic in May improved marginally

BTN Europe – 12/07/2021

https://www.businesstravelnewseurope.com/Air-Travel/IATA-Global-air-traffic-in-May-improved-marginally?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=eltrbtneurope

Environmental news

Net Zero Airports? The Problem With Airport Capacity Growth

AEF – 13/07/2021

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2021/07/13/net-zero-airports-the-problem-with-airport-capacity-growth/>

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Sky no longer the limit for aviation taxes

Euractive – 06/07/2021

<https://www.euractiv.com/section/transport/news/sky-no-longer-the-limit-for-aviation-taxes/>

Costing the earth: Environmentally-conscious travellers face paying around 50% more to travel by train than plane

Which? – 14/07/2021

<https://press.which.co.uk/whichpressreleases/costing-the-earth-environmentally-conscious-travellers-face-paying-around-50-more-to-travel-by-train-than-plane/>

New NEF report on the Frequent Flyer Levy: “WHY DEMAND FOR AVIATION MUST BE CAPPED”

Airport Watch – 11/07/2021

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2021/07/new-nef-report-on-the-frequent-flyer-levy-why-demand-for-aviation-must-be-capped/>

Swedish startup to launch electric planes in the UK by 2026, gets £25M funding

UK Tech – 13/07/2021

<https://www.uktech.news/news/heart-aerospace-eyes-short-haul-electric-planes-in-uk-20210713>

Aberdeen

Banffshire MP welcomes further route openings from Aberdeen Airport

Grampian Online – 11/07/2021

<https://www.grampianonline.co.uk/news/banffshire-mp-welcomes-further-route-openings-from-aberdeen-244260/>

Belfast City

EasyJet starts Gatwick-Belfast City service

Travel Weekly – 09/07/2021

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/easyjet-starts-gatwick-belfast-city-service>

Birmingham

EasyJet increases domestic services from Birmingham

Travel Weekly – 13/07/2021

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/easyjet-increases-domestic-services-from-birmingham>

Bristol

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Bristol Airport expansion (for 2 mppa more) public inquiry to will start on July 20th, for 10 weeks

Airport Watch – 09/07/2021

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2021/07/bristol-airport-expansion-for-2-mppa-more-public-inquiry-to-will-start-on-july-20th-for-10-weeks/>

Doncaster Sheffield

Summer 2022 set to be busiest ever for Doncaster Sheffield Airport

Airport World – 14/07/2021

<https://airport-world.com/summer-2022-set-to-be-busiest-ever-for-doncaster-sheffield-airport/>

Edinburgh

Edinburgh Airport calls on Nicola Sturgeon for 'lifeline' relaxation of quarantine rules

Edinburgh Live – 12/07/2021

<https://www.edinburghlive.co.uk/news/edinburgh-news/edinburgh-airport-calls-nicola-sturgeon-21033682>

Exeter

New Norwich to Exeter service gets underway

UK Aviation News – 14/07/2021

<https://ukaviation.news/new-norwich-to-exeter-service-gets-underway/>

Leeds Bradford

Incredible pictures trace history of Leeds Bradford Airport

The Press – 14/07/2021

<https://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/19441734.incredible-pictures-trace-history-leeds-bradford-airport/>

Liverpool

EasyJet launches Liverpool - Bournemouth route

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TravelMole – 13/07/2021

https://www.travelmole.com/news_feature.php?news_id=2047835&c=setreg®ion=2

London City

Aviation industry and mainstream education combine in UK first

ADS Advance – 14/07/2021

<https://www.adsadvance.co.uk/aviation-industry-and-mainstream-education-combine-in-uk-first.html>

London Gatwick

This is great news not just for Gatwick, but also for our airlines and our passengers - Gatwick Airport's Chief Commercial Officer Jonathan Pollard

Crawley Observer – 13/07/2021

<https://www.crawleyobserver.co.uk/news/transport/this-is-great-news-not-just-for-gatwick-but-also-for-our-airlines-and-our-passengers-gatwick-airports-chief-commercial-officer-jonathan-pollard-3306044>

Gatwick Airport is dealing with its greatest challenge - Henry Smith, MP for Crawley

Crawley Observer – 08/07/2021

<https://www.crawleyobserver.co.uk/news/transport/gatwick-airport-is-dealing-with-its-greatest-challenge-henry-smith-mp-for-crawley-3297746>

EasyJet starts Gatwick-Belfast City service

Travel Weekly – 09/07/2021

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/easyjet-starts-gatwick-belfast-city-service>

No 'Southgate' Terminal yet for Gatwick Airport - but could it become a reality for next year's World Cup?

Crawley Observer – 12/07/2021

<https://www.crawleyobserver.co.uk/sport/football/no-southgate-terminal-yet-for-gatwick-airport-but-could-it-become-a-reality-for-next-years-world-cup-3304678>

Gatwick once had a plane spotting area and you could walk into the hangars - here's what visitors remember of it

My London – 14/07/2021

<https://www.mylondon.news/news/nostalgia/gatwick-once-plane-spotting-area-21047054>

London Heathrow

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Heathrow passenger numbers remain almost 90% down on pre-pandemic levels

Evening Standard – 13/07/2021

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/heathrow-portugal-london-john-hollandkaye-government-b945266.html>

Lack of transatlantic air links costing £23m a day, Heathrow warns

Travel Weekly – 12/07/2021

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/lack-of-transatlantic-air-links-costing-23m-a-day-heathrow-warns>

Ruth Cadbury Calls for Aviation Industry Support

Warns that thousands of Heathrow workers could end up 'on the scrapheap'

Neighbourhood Net – 09/07/2021

<http://neighbournet.com/server/common/ldrshrw006.htm>

Heathrow and UK aviation industry to support economic pivot post-Brexit

International Airport Review – 13/07/2021

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/161460/heathrow-uk-aviation-economic-pivot-post-brexit/>

Heathrow Terminal Five 'back to normal' after queue chaos at security

Evening Standard – 13/07/2021

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/heathrow-terminal-five-queue-security-b945478.html>

London Southend

Southend Airport aims to be carbon neutral by 2027

Echo – 11/07/2021

<https://www.echo-news.co.uk/news/19430142.southend-airport-aims-carbon-neutral-2027/>

Sir David Amess MP calls for 'no more' airport night flights

Echo – 12/07/2021

<https://www.echo-news.co.uk/news/19435111.sir-david-amess-mp-calls-no-more-airport-night-flights/>

Southend Airport plan to use quieter plans for night flights

Echo – 07/07/2021

<https://www.echo-news.co.uk/news/19424358.southend-airport-plan-use-quieter-plans-night-flights/>

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London Stansted

Uttlesford Council applies for judicial review of Stansted airport expansion plans

Airport Watch – 09/07/2021

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2021/07/uttlesford-council-applies-for-judicial-review-of-stansted-airport-expansion-plans/>

Manchester

First passengers use new Manchester airport terminal extension

Travel Weekly – 14/07/2021

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/first-passengers-use-new-manchester-airport-terminal-extension>

Manchester Airports Group reports massive losses after 'most difficult 12 months in its history'

Lancashire Post – 08/07/2021

<https://www.lep.co.uk/business/consumer/manchester-airports-group-reports-massive-losses-after-most-difficult-12-months-in-its-history-3300603>

Newcastle

Readers react to Newcastle Airport increasing drop-off parking fee to £4 for 10 minutes

Chronicle Live – 13/07/2021

<https://www.chroniclelive.co.uk/news/north-east-news/readers-newcastle-airport-increasing-parking-21044092>

Two new summer holiday routes from Newcastle Airport announced for 2022

Chronicle Live – 12/07/2021

<https://www.chroniclelive.co.uk/whats-on/travel-tourism/two-new-summer-holiday-routes-21034521>

Southampton

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Southampton Airport owner makes 'net zero' pledge on direct emissions

Daily Echo – 12/07/2021

<https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/19433624.southampton-airport-owner-makes-net-zero-pledge-direct-emissions/>