

### Regional News

#### **1 May 2012 - [Jet2 successful in its Jet2.com Ltd v Blackpool Airport Ltd Court of Appeal](#)**

The High Court has agreed that Blackpool Airport did not use all reasonable endeavours to provide a low cost base for Jet2 and therefore has not fulfilled the contract between the two parties.

#### **4 May 2012 - [European Commission report concludes airport body scanners are safe](#)**

The European Commission stopped new trials of the scanners in November while concerns they could emit harmful levels of radiation were investigated. The UK Health Protection Agency had claimed the scanners pose a "negligible" health risk.

#### **4 May 2012 - [Prestwick Airport records big fall in passenger numbers](#)**

Prestwick Airport, which has been put up for sale by owners Infratil, has seen passenger numbers fall by a third over the past year. The airport recorded a total of about 140,000 passengers in the first three months of 2012 - compared with almost 214,000 for the same period last year.

#### **4 May 2012 - [CAA approves new 'listening squawks' at two Airports](#)**

Frequency Monitoring Secondary Surveillance Radar (SSR) codes (often referred to as 'listening out' squawks) are soon to be allocated for use in the vicinity of Leeds Bradford and East Midlands airports.

Frequency monitoring codes have played a vital role in reducing infringements of controlled airspace (CAS) by enabling air traffic controllers to alert pilots if their aircraft appears to be going to infringe CAS.

#### **5 May 2012 - [Council demands restoration of Tonbridge to Gatwick rail link](#)**

Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council wants two direct services an hour to Gatwick Airport, removing the need to change at Redhill. The direct link was lost in 2008 when the route was incorporated into the South Central Rail Franchise, now operated by Southern Railway. The Department for Transport (DfT) said it planned to begin a new franchise consultation later this month.

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#### **10 May 2012 - [Airline boss hints at long-haul destinations from Bristol](#)**

Successful financial figures for the last six months have led to easyJet's UK director, Paul Simmons admitting that the airline is considering providing more routes to long-haul destinations.

#### **10 May 2012 - [Viable Group urge council to buy Plymouth City Airport lease](#)**

Plymouth Airport Campaign Group, Viable claims its five-year plan could see 500,000 passengers using the airport if owners, Sutton Harbour Holdings Plc (SHH), would sell the lease. Plymouth City Council has said it supports the idea in theory. SHH said they would continue discussions with the council.

#### **11 May 2012 - [Thanet District Council opposes Manston Airport night flights](#)**

Scheduled night flights at the airport have been suggested to help increase air capacity in the south east. In April, transport minister Theresa Villagers suggested Manston could be used to increase airport capacity in the south east of England.

### Industry News

#### **7 May 2012 - [Airbus and Boeing hit by plane cancellations](#)**

Airlines have cancelled a total of 32 orders for planes so far this year, according to data from the world's two major plane makers.

### Media

#### **4 May 2012 - [The world's top 100 airports](#)**

Heathrow Airport is the world's third busiest airport in terms of passenger numbers. The data was compiled by Airports Council International for every airport in the world.

### SASIG 2012/13 Meeting Dates

**Thursday 14 June 2012 The Aviation Minister, Theresa Villiers, shall be attending.**

Friday 9 November 2012 and Friday 1 March 2013.

Meetings are held between 11am and 1pm, at Local Government House, Smith Square, SW1P 3HZ, with lunch provided afterwards; [location map](#).