

Government News

31 July 2012 – [Heathrow Airport's owner expects a noise compensation regime will be needed if a third runway at the airport is given the ministerial go-ahead](#)

31 July 2012 - [Airlines opposed to EU emissions trading set to meet](#)
Countries opposed to the EU Emission Trading Scheme are attending a US government meeting to fight the unilateral tax.

1 August 2012 - [The Office of Rail Regulation \(ORR\) sets out Network Rail's finance and output frameworks for 2014-19](#)

The Office of Rail Regulation (ORR) has launched consultations to help establish Network Rail's financial and output frameworks between 2014-19, towards ensuring that the company delivers a safe, high-performing and 'value for money' railway.

To contribute to the consultations, visit: <http://www.rail-reg.gov.uk/pr13/consultations/financial-issues.php> and <http://www.rail-reg.gov.uk/pr13/consultations/outputs.php>

SASIG 2012/13 Meeting Dates

The next SASIG meetings will be on:

Thursday 25 October 2012 – 1.00pm – 3.00pm

CANCELLED: Friday 9 November 2012

Friday 1 March 2013 – 11am – 1.00pm

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

Press Releases

30 July 2012 - [As Greening ordered to explain growing HS2 consultation errors in court, HS2 chief says methodology was inadequate](#) - Stop HS2

31 July 2012 - [Heathrow express strike ballot](#) - Rail, Maritime and Transport union (RMT)

Rail union RMT has confirmed that it is preparing to ballot cleaning, facilities and asset management and mechanical engineering staff on Heathrow Express for both strike action and action short of a strike in a dispute over pay.

Events

Short courses:

3rd-5th October 2012 - [Introduction to Air Transport Economics and Planning](#)

7th-9th November 2012 - [Demand Analysis and Capacity Management](#)

3rd-5th December 2012 - [Introduction to Air Transport Business and Management](#)

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SASIG meetings - Please note the amendment to the change to the SASIG meeting dates under 'SASIG 2012/12 Meeting Dates'.

The DfT 'Engagement Event' - draft aviation policy consultation – will be held on Thursday 6 September., 10:00-13:00, Great Minster House, 33 Horseferry Road, London, SW1P 4DR. If you wish to attend this event, please confirm your availability to the SASIG office (sasig@surreycc.gov.uk).