

Government News

16 August 2012 - Liberal Democrats rule out second Stansted runway at Stansted Airport

The Liberal Democrats are pushing for a new strategy for aviation which they say “balances the benefits the industry brings as a driver of jobs and growth with the harm it causes to the environment”. The Liberal Democrats want better transport links to ensure the airport’s existing 35m capacity is utilised.

Members will vote on a policy motion to be put to the party's Autumn Conference in Brighton on Sunday, September 23.

23 August 2012 - Cabinet reshuffle is driven by plans for Heathrow expansion

Justine Greening, the Transport Secretary, may be moved to another Cabinet position in a reshuffle as the Prime Minister considers allowing a third runway to be built at Heathrow. Westminster sources said David Cameron was considering moving Jeremy Hunt, the Culture Secretary, to the transport department before a major shift in aviation policy.

Political monitoring service DeHavilland has produced a [Cabinet Reshuffle Briefing Paper](#) for further information.

Party Conference News

20 August 2012 - Conservative Party Conference agenda and fringe events released

23 August 2012 – Liberal Democrat fringe guide available

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

20 August 2012 - Competition Commission welcomes Stansted sale confirmation

20 August 2012 - Passengers will be staggered Network Rail bosses are still haggling over bonuses - Maria Eagle MP, Shadow Transport Secretary

22 August 2012 - Mike Weatherley MP (Hove) calls for review of Air Passenger Duty

20 August 2012 - BAA at last concedes defeat over Stansted - Stop Stansted Expansion

20 August 2012 - BAA to sell Stansted Airport – BAA

21 August 2012 - Chief Executive of Birmingham Airport responds to calls for a review of Air Passenger Duty - Birmingham Airport

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