

## Regional News

5 Jan. 2013 - [East Grinstead Town councillors negotiate with easyJet bosses to fly aircraft higher into the sky to reduce noise levels on the ground](#)

Airline bosses of easyJet have agreed to changes that see flights taking off from Gatwick Airport in an easterly direction ascending at a sharper incline than before and climbing higher much faster.

7 Jan. 2013 - [Plans to almost double the capacity of Luton Airport have received support from 65% of respondents following a public consultation](#)

However, campaign group, Hertfordshire Against Luton Expansion [said](#) the figures released by London Luton Airport Operations Limited bosses did not show the full picture. The full breakdown, provided with the [airport's planning application](#), shows only 26 per cent of responses from members of the public were positive, while 64 per cent were against expansion.

8 Jan. 2013 - [Aberdeen Airport is rebranded as Aberdeen International Airport](#)

The change comes after the terminal's parent company dropped the name BAA Ltd and allowed its individual airports to operate more independently. It is hoped the new title will help the airport's drive to expand its roster of destinations.

8 Jan. 2013 - [Morrison & Morrison & Co, the Australasian consortium bidding for Stansted Airport, has pulled out of the running for buying the Essex airport after failing to secure bank finance for its offer](#)

8 Jan. 2013 - [The owners of Liverpool John Lennon Airport have appointed Matthew Thomas as the new chief executive](#)

Mr Thomas currently works as the commercial director for the Vantage Airport Group, the parent company of John Lennon Airport.

10 Jan. 2013 - [New East West railway line will be re-instated to offer alternative route to Heathrow Airport](#)

The new East West Rail Link between Bedford and Oxford, Aylesbury and Milton Keynes will enable people to travel on to Reading and thereby bypass the capital as a way of getting to Heathrow. Work on the line is due to be completed by March 2019.

## Industry News

7 Jan. 2013 - [IAG Cargo, the single business created following the merger of British Airways World Cargo and Iberia Cargo, is to launch a thrice weekly cargo service between Heathrow and Chengdu in south-west China from 22 Sept. 2013](#)

10 Jan. 2013 - [Manchester Airports Group operators seek to build on recent traffic growth provided by budget and Middle East carriers](#)

## European News

8 Jan. 2013 - [European Union airport traffic in recession for second month running](#)

The latest traffic figures for Europe's airports reveal flat growth of 0.6% for overall European passenger traffic in the month of November.

## Events

Please click on the [Bulletins page](#) of the SASIG website for the complete list of events.

## Media

7 Jan. 2013 – [Stansted Through the Years](#) – Film produced by Stansted Airport TV

## SASIG 2013 Meeting Dates

The next SASIG meeting will be on:

- Friday 1 March 2013, 11.00am – 1.00pm

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