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Regional News	Industry News
12 Oct 2013 - Councillors and business leaders in West Yorkshire have backed research to assess if Leeds Bradford Airport boosts or hinders economic aspirations in its current location.	14 Oct 2013 - Infratil, the New Zealand based infrastructure investor, has agreed to sell Manston Airport in Kent for £350 thousand to Lothian Shelf Ltd.
13 Oct 2013 - The new rail franchise serving Luton Airport Parkway station has a requirement placed upon it to provide more night services to London.	14 Oct 2013 - Workers from a ground handling company based at Stansted Airport have voted for strike action in a dispute over pay.
13 Oct 2013 - Building work has begun at Bristol Airport on the central walkway, featuring pre-boarding zones and access to six departure gates.	15 Oct 2013 - NATS Ltd has undertaken a London Airspace Consultation, with changes being proposed to the flight paths that aircraft take across London and to the London airports. Gatwick Airport is also consulting on new approach and departure routes in conjunction with the NATS.
13 Oct 2013 - The campaign group Stop Stansted Expansion are set to launch a legal challenge to the possible expansion of Stansted Airport.	17 Oct 2013 - Chief Executive of easyJet, Carolyn McCall has told the British Chambers of Commerce trade conference that 'cost conscious' business travellers are responsible for the growth in the airline's passenger numbers.
14 Oct 2013 - Luton Airport has achieved the internationally recognised ISO 14001:2004 certification for its commitment to environmental management.	18 Oct 2013 - The Ryanair Pilot Group has called its first ever press conference to introduce itself and raise its employment concerns.
14 Oct 2013 - British Airways Ltd are piloting the use of electronic baggage tags.	18 Oct 2013 - Transport secretary Patrick McLoughlin is to visit China next week in an effort to attract flights to the UK.
14 Oct 2013 - Work is to start on a £56m dual carriageway linking the M18, south of Doncaster, with Robin Hood Airport.	18 Oct 2013 - Forecasts suggest that Dubai will become the world's busiest airport next year, taking over from London Heathrow.
14 Oct 2013 - An engineering and manufacturing centre of excellence is to be created in a joint project by Coventry University and the Unipart Group.	
14 Oct 2013 - Manchester Airports Group (MAG) have confirmed it is partnering with Beijing Construction Engineering Group, the Greater Manchester Pension Fund and Carillion for the Manchester Airport City project, which aims to create 16,000 jobs in the next 12 years.	
14 Oct 2013 - Secretary of State for Wales, David Jones MP has congratulated a group of apprentices from GE Aviation Wales who have successfully completed their apprenticeships at the aircraft overhaul facility in Nantgarw.	
15 Oct 2013 - The Chief Executive of Manchester Airports Group (MAG), Charlie Cornish has said that he wants to develop Stansted Airport with two runways – while Director of the development Karen Campbell has resigned citing 'health and personal reasons'	
15 Oct 2013 - Global business representative from six continents are heading to Gatwick for a UK Trade & Investment event to help local companies increase their exports.	
16 Oct 2013 - Wood sourced from a Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust site in Barnes will be used to power a 10 mega watt combined heat and power system at Heathrow Airport.	
16 Oct 2013 - A decision about the planned western rail access to Heathrow rail project will be made by the end of the year.	
17 Oct 2013 - Residents from Moss Nook, Wythenshawe, opposed to Manchester Airport's plan to convert nearby farmland into a 9,000 space car park are meeting to discuss concerns.	
18 Oct 2013 - Plans to allow Sunday flights to the Isles of Scilly from April 2014 have been approved by Isles of Scilly Councillors.	
18 Oct 2013 - Local residents are getting a chance to ask questions about plans to reintroduce controlled airspace at London Southend Airport. The airport's Airspace Development Team is holding two Controlled Airspace Information Sessions on 7 and 8 November.	
	Media News
	15 Oct 2013 - NATS aims to challenge what it believes to be misconceptions about the Single European Sky initiative.
	17 Oct 2013 - The campaign group Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign has published their response to the Airports Commission request for comments on their emerging thinking.
	17 Oct 2013 - Virgin Atlantic's 2013 Sustainability Report states that the airline is confident of cutting CO2 emissions from flying by 30 per cent by 2020 and has shown that the company is working hard to improve its recycling rates.

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The following sources are also used in this bulletin: Air & Business Travel News, ACI Airports Council International, Aviation International, BAA Ltd, Environmental Data Services, International Air Transport Association, BBC, The Independent, The Standard, The Telegraph, Transportinfo, UK Parliament.