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| Regional News | Manston Airport |
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| 19 May 2014 - Mayor of London Boris Johnson is drawing up plans for a new 'city' to replace Heathrow airport, which it is claimed could boost the UK economy by £8 billion a year. | 19 May 2014 - Campaigners seeking to reopen Manston Airport have said they are pressing for a compulsory purchase order to reopen the site. |
| 19 May 2014 - Chief Executive of Qatar Airways Akbar Al Baker, who is also on the board of Heathrow, said European airports should open 24 hours a day if they want to compete with the emerging Gulf hubs in Dubai and Doha. 21 May 2014 - Heathrow Chairman Sir Nigel Rudd has stressed that Mr al-Baker's views are very much 'his own', and 'do not represent the views or policy of the Heathrow board or executive committee'. | 19 May 2014 - North Thanet MP Sir Roger Gale is supporting calls for the compulsory purchase of Manston Airport. |
| 19 May 2014 - The 'final stages' of an £80m airfield refurbishment at Guernsey Airport have begun after delays caused by rain. | 21 May 2014 - The Save Manston Airport Campaign group have marched in a bid to urge Thanet District Council to push through a compulsory purchase of the site. |
| 19 May 2014 - Heathrow Hub has submitted more details of its proposal for additional runway capacity to the UK's Airports Commission. | 21 May 2014 - Thanet council says it cannot yet say whether or not it would have the power to acquire Manston airport through a Compulsory Purchase Order. |
| 20 May 2014 - Exeter Airport has hosted a Chinese delegation representing an investment syndicate looking to identify major projects in South West England. | 24 May 2014 - The Unit union have criticised the owner of Manston Airport Ann Gloag, of never being serious about keeping the airport open. |
| 22 May 2014 - A ComRes survey of 2,000 people commissioned by Medway Council and Kent County Council found that 38 per cent of residents supported the idea of a new airport in the Thames estuary. | Industry News |
| 23 May 2014 - Gatwick Airport have launched phase 2 of the London Airspace consultation. Full consultation documents are available here. Information on phase one of the consultation, can be found here . | 19 May 2014 - Ryanair plans to offer flights to the USA by 2019. |
| 23 May 2014 - Possible alterations to flight paths to and from Gatwick Airport have been published. Further details on the changes will finish on 15 August are available here | 19 May 2014 - Heathrow Express staff have voted in favour of a 48-strike this bank holiday weekend. |
| 26 May 2014 - A new fire and rescue station is being planned in Castle Donington this year. | 21 May 2014 - Chief Executive of the Stobart Group Andrew Tinkler, has said that more work needs to be done to improve profits in the aviation division of the group, which includes Southend airport and Stobart Air. |
| Media News | 21 Nov 2014 - Growth in premium travel slowed in March, according to the International Air Transport Association's monthly assessment of premium and economy travel. |
| 20 May 2014 - The rail union RMT today criticised Heathrow Express over claims that they will run a 'normal' service during strike action starting on Friday and continuing during the May Bank Holiday weekend. | 22 May 2014 - Heathrow has released its annual report for 2013, tracking developments against its 2020 sustainability goals. |
| 22 May 2014 - The voluntary climate change initiative, Airport Carbon Accreditation, was named as one of two runner-ups for the International Transport Forum's (ITF) Transport Achievement Award at this week's ITF 2014 Annual Summit. | |
| 23 May 2014 - Managing Director of London Luton Airport, Mr Glyn Jones has welcomed the news that Govia Thameslink Railway Limited will operate the Thameslink Rail Franchise serving the Airport from September 2014. | |

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