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Industry News	Regional News
9 June 2014 - Virgin Atlantic have defended the 40 per cent load factor on their domestic carrier 'Little Red', suggesting that the airline is 'gaining momentum' after its first year of operation.	9 June 2014 - The frequency of a bus service from Cardiff city centre to Cardiff Airport is to be reduced after a performance review.
9 June 2014 - The airline operator EasyJet has applied to attend meetings of the London Airports Consultative Committee, which represents the 'operational and strategic interests' of airlines operating at Heathrow Airport. The carrier are also reported to be considering purchasing slots at the airport.	9 June 2014 - Thanet District Council are considering issuing a compulsory purchase order for Manston Airport, part funded by the company RiverOak who initially met the asking price for the Airport.
9 June 2014 - Turkey have officially commenced construction of world's largest airport.	9 June 2014 - The campaign group Save Our Skies (SOS), have welcomed a promise from Luton Airport that it will consider pursuing further reductions to a flight path over the district.
10 June 2014 - The UK Civil Aviation Authority has produced a basic guide to Continuous Descent Approach principles. The guide is available here.	10 June 2014 - A direct rail route is being planned between Gatwick Airport and Oxford.
10 June 2014 - Gatwick Airport's Corporate Affairs and Sustainability Director Mr. James Colman, has left his post.	12 June 2014 - KLM Cityhopper has increased its capacity at Leeds Bradford Airport with the introduction of a new larger aircraft, on its regular services to Amsterdam Schiphol.
10 June 2014 - The first Newmarket Holidays flight landed at Lydd Airport in Kent on June 1, with 93 passengers departing on a Small Planet Airlines flight bound for Verona.	12 June 2014 - Road works are scheduled to get underway shortly to increase the number of lanes linking the M42 at junction 6 to Birmingham Airport and the Birmingham National Exhibition Centre.
11 June 2014 - Dubai's Emirates Airline has cancelled an order for 70 Airbus A350 aircraft.	12 June 2014 - One of the Directors of the Heathrow Hub company, whose proposal is on the Airports Commission shortlist, spoke at a meeting of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead's Aviation Forum, held at Windsor's Guildhall.
11 June 2014 - Technology, hotels and aviation company Rigby Group has bought Norwich International Airport.	12 June 2014 - A meeting of the Gatwick Diamond Economic Growth Forum has heard that expansion at Gatwick Airport would see the loss of two million square feet of business land (covering approximately 250 business premises). The meeting also heard Mr Neil Bennett, of architect planners Farrells, talking about expansion 'nurturing the Green Belt' land in the area.
11 June 2014 - Airline operator Flybe opened the first three of its planned seven-route operation at London Southend Airport this week, beginning services to Groningen in Holland, Münster/Osnabrück in Germany and Rennes in France - Flybe has returned to profitability after carrying a record number of passengers and achieving record load factors in the year to the end of March.	12 June 2014 - East Sussex County Council has given its support to one particular option for a second runway and new terminal building at Gatwick Airport.
13 June 2014 - A Court of Appeal has ruled that airlines may no longer be able to use technical faults as a reason to avoid paying compensation to passengers for flight delays.	12 June 2014 - East Midlands Airport is celebrating the first anniversary of its Airport Academy - a dedicated employment and education facility launched in June 2013.
13 June 2014 - The American Government has approved legislation that could prevent Norwegian Air from operating flights to the US because of concerns the airline will 'dodge international labour rules' - Airline operator Norwegian has stated that it will continue with its plans for transatlantic expansion into the US despite efforts to block its plans.	13 June 2014 - Foster and Partners refreshed proposal to the Airports Commission for a new airport in the Inner Thames Estuary states that relocating habitat from the area will cost £500m.
	13 June 2014 - Director of Strategy at Heathrow Airport, Mr. Andrew McMillan has told a meeting of The Maidenhead Chamber of Commerce that an expanded Heathrow 'will work harder to involve neighbouring businesses in its supply chain'.
	13 June 2014 - Commerce and Employment Minister of Guernsey, Deputy Kevin Stewart, has claimed that Channel Islanders are paying £3.5million a year too much in Airline Passenger Duty (link contains video footage).
	13 June 2014 - China's Ambassador to Britain Li Keqiang has said that he would like Heathrow Airport to expand its capacity so Chinese airlines can introduce more flights between China and the UK.
Media News	
9 June 2014 - Stansted Airport saw nearly 1.82 million passengers pass through the terminal in May 2014, up 7.6 per cent on the same month last year.	
11 June 2014 - The Chief Executive of Heathrow Airport, Mr. Colin Matthews has made a statement about the airport's traffic and business for May.	
10 June 2014 - Heathrow Airport have published their 'Fly Quiet' table, which lists airlines taking off from and arriving at the airport, according to their noise performance.	
12 June 2014 - The Mayor of London, Boris Johnson and the Chair of the Airports Commission, Howard Davies will be the guest speakers at a conference on airport policy, 'Shaping a growing London: the place of an airport'.	
13 June 2014 - The Chief Executive of Heathrow Airport, Mr. Colin Matthews, has been appointed CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.	

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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, DeHavilland, Environmental Data Services, International Air Transport Association, BBC, The Independent, The Standard, The Telegraph, Transportinfo, UK Parliament.