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### Local Authorities & Aviation, Regional and Industry News, 23 February - 28 February 2015

#### Regional News

- 21 February 2015 - [Plans have been published, as part of an £8million development project, to build a new 330-room hotel next to the terminal at Stansted Airport.](#)
- 23 February 2015 - [The Director of Steer Davies Gleave, Jim Steer, said that a rail line between Stansted Airport and London Liverpool Street could reduce journey times to less than 30 minutes.](#)
- 23 February 2015 - [Mayor of London Boris Johnson and Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne announced plans to improve rail connections between London, Cambridge and Stansted Airport.](#)
- 23 February 2015 - [East Midlands Airport is set to become a national station for police planes and a helicopter in a reorganisation of the force's air fleet.](#)
- 23 February 2015 - [Plans to base search and rescue helicopters at Manston Airport have been abandoned after the closure of the site.](#)
- 23 February 2015 - [East Sussex County Councillor Roy Galley has labelled the argument for the expansion at Gatwick Airport 'weak'.](#)
- 24 February 2015 - [The Colnbrook incinerator will stay open until 2023 and then move just a few yards back if Heathrow Airport begins expansion.](#)
- 25 February 2015 - [Durham Tees Valley Airport has accelerated plans to develop its services for the region by seeking the views of local companies for ways in which it can improve.](#)
- 25 February 2015 - [Heathrow Airport has requested that The Airports Commission change its assessment of the impact of expansion on local communities from 'adverse' to 'neutral'.](#)
- 26 February 2015 - [The International Development Secretary Justine Greening has said that The Airports Commission's final report will fail to provide the long-term aviation strategy Britain needs.](#)
- 27 February 2015 - [The Chief Executive of Bristol Airport Robert Sinclair has claimed that devolving Air Passenger Duty in Wales would have a damaging impact on airports in the West of England.](#)
- 27 February 2015 - [Transport Minister John Hayes has opened a new Coastguard-operated base at Humberside Airport.](#)
- 28 February 2015 - [The Secretary of State for Scotland Alistair Carmichael said airports in the North East of England could benefit from their own local cut in tax rates.](#)

#### Industry News

- 23 February 2015 - [The airline operator bmi regional is launching three new routes from Bristol Airport to Paris, Düsseldorf and Nantes.](#)
- 24 February 2015 - [Manchester Airport has launched brand new Changing Places facilities in each of its three terminals.](#)
- 25 February 2015 - [The Aviation Minister Robert Goodwill has told Parliament that Government was having difficulty finding a solution to the potential competition from Scottish Airports.](#)

#### Media News

- 23 February 2015 - [The Guardian newspaper have published a report on how they believe the 2015 UK election will affect UK air passengers.](#)
- 23 February 2015 - [A patent row has emerged over the The Heathrow Hub plans for expanding Heathrow Airport, currently being considered by the Airports Commission.](#)
- 24 February 2015 - [The publication Business and Commercial Aviation have published a report entitled 'Managing helicopter noise key to keeping access to urban areas.'](#)
- 26 February 2015 - [The North West Air Connectivity Roundtable will meet at the Tate Liverpool on March 14 to discuss airports expansion in the South East of England.](#)
- 26 February 2015 - [Member of Parliament for Twickenham Vince Cable will be among the speakers who will address a rally against a third runway at Heathrow Airport on March 3 in central London.](#)