

SASIG Aviation Bulletin: November 2024

SASIG's Aviation news and policy bulletin aims to provide its members and associate members, with a comprehensive overview of what has been happening in Parliament and Whitehall as well as in the sector itself in the preceding month.

Monthly Highlights

- **2 November** - Kemi Badenoch selected as new Leader of the Conservative Party.
- **4 November** - High Court agree to pause the effects of Dublin Airport passenger cap.
- **5 November** - Renewable Transport Fuel Obligations (Sustainable Aviation Fuel) Order 2024 Bidder to reopen/run Doncaster Sheffield Airport has been identified.
- **13 November** - AGS airports (Aberdeen, Glasgow and Southampton), sold in £1.53bn deal
- **14 November** - CAA publishes the [final report](#) into the NATS ATC failure on 28 August 2023.
- **19 November** - [CAA launches new drone policy](#).
- **21 November** - Gatwick urges PM not to let second runway decision 'fester'.
- **24 November** - London City, Bristol and Birmingham airports reportedly for sale.
- **25 November** - Transport Secretary launches new Jet Zero Taskforce.
- **28 November** - Transport Secretary introduces [Integrated National Transport Strategy](#)
- **29 November** - Louise Haigh resigns as Transport Secretary.

Potential Actions for LAs

- Respond to call for evidence associated with Integrated National Transport Strategy
- Note new Jet Zero Taskforce and its remit
- Also, new drone policy documentation published by the CAA

SASIG Activities

- Preparations for AAM Webinar with LGA
- Submitted response to the industrial Strategy consultation
- Attended DEFRA led Noise Action Plans Research Group
- Discussed SASIG leadership role in next phase of Future of Flight programme with UKRI

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Editorial

Some key changes to the political scene this month started off with Kemi Badenoch being elected as the new Leader of the Conservative Party and ended with the Government's Transport Secretary, Louise Haigh, resigning only a few days after she launched a new Jet Zero Taskforce comprising some of the most senior figures in the aviation sector with a core mission to revamp efforts to make greener air travel a reality!

The middle of the month (14th) saw an adjournment debate on the impact of aircraft noise in communities – the debate was initiated by Sarah Olney (Richmond Park) MP and mainly centred around Heathrow. Parliamentary questions on noise around Gatwick airport, (along with its general expansion), were also raised by Mike Martin MP (Tunbridge Wells). Noise, of course, remains one of the biggest aviation issues of concern for SASIG members and is often raised at our meetings and brought before industry policy makers and politicians.

The Prime Minister was also urged by Gatwick, not to let a decision on their second runway 'fester'. Bosses say any delay would push up cost of the £2.2bn project and stop airlines from adding new routes. Meanwhile, Heathrow's incoming main shareholder has laid out support for expansion as they believe the airport needs to grow in the coming years.

There were plenty of other interesting developments elsewhere in the sector during the month. On 4 November, the High Court of the RoI agreed to pause the effects of the Dublin Airport passenger cap that was due to affect airlines' access to take-off and landing slots over summer 2025 period. Dublin is proving a very interesting case study in the application of land use and noise policy at a congested airport and there is clearly more to come as that story develops.

Also early in the month, it was reported that a bidder to reopen/run Doncaster Sheffield Airport, had been identified and then mid-month, it was announced that AGS who own Aberdeen, Glasgow and Southampton airports, had been sold in a £1.53bn deal. London City, Bristol and Birmingham airports are all also, reportedly for sale.

And finally, this month saw the CAA publish its final report into the NATS ATC failure of 28 August last year and also launch their new drone policy.

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Events, Meetings and Conferences

SASIG Meetings

(To note: due to the lingering impact from the pandemic, these meetings may still be held virtually. It is therefore advised to always check with the Secretariat first before making any travel arrangements).

2024

SASIG AAM webinar: Thursday: 5 December 2024 (online)

2025

SASIG Chairman's Advisory Group meeting (CAG): Wednesday: 8 January 2025

(To note: for information purposes for CAG members only)

SASIG Members' meeting: Wednesday: 29 January 2025 (online)

External Conferences: (please note: some date changes may always be possible).

3-5 February 2025: [Connect 2025](#): Girona, Spain

8-10 April 2025: [Routes Europe](#), Seville, Spain

15 May 2025: [Aerospace Live 2025](#): Shaping the Future of UK Aerospace, London

20-22 May 2025: [EBACE 2025](#): Geneva, Switzerland

Consultations Update: Recent and current:

Ongoing:

CAA consultation: Aviation Environmental Review

1 October 2024: Following publication of the first UK Aviation Environmental Review (AER) in December 2023, the CAA published a [consultation](#) seeking views from all interested parties on the future development of the AER. The CAA aim to develop the AER into a tool that can be used by Government, industry and other interested stakeholders to inform and drive positive environmental change. To ensure the AER develops into a useful tool for stakeholders, this consultation seeks feedback on the CAA's overall ambition for the AER, alongside input on the nature of environmental data reported, including how this data should be presented.

This consultation closes on 10 December 2024.

Govt consultation: UK Airspace Design Service (UKADS).

22nd October 2024: [This consultation](#) proposes creating a single guiding mind responsible for future airspace design – a UK Airspace Design Service (UKADS) – to deliver modernisation at

scale and at pace, as envisaged by the CAA's Airspace Modernisation Strategy published in January 2023.

This joint consultation by the DfT and CAA, as co-sponsors of airspace modernisation, seeks views on what the UKADS could do and how they might set it up.

This consultation will run until 17 December 2024.

Parliamentary and Government News

2 November – Kemi Badenoch selected as new Leader of the Conservative Party.

25 November - Transport Secretary launches new Jet Zero Taskforce with some of the most senior figures in the aviation sector to revamp efforts to make greener air travel a reality.

28 November – Transport Secretary introduces [Integrated National Transport Strategy](#).

29 November – Louise Haigh resigns as Transport Secretary – details are [here](#).

Transport Questions: House of Commons:

The House rose on 6th for the November Recess and returned on 11 November.

5 November: Flight cancellations

An urgent question was asked by Jim Shannon (Strangford): “To ask the Secretary of State for Transport if she will make a statement on the ongoing connectivity issues caused by belatedly announced cancellations of flights, such as those between Belfast and London”. The ensuing debate may be [seen here](#).

14 November – Aircraft Noise: Local Communities

This adjournment debate on the impact of aircraft noise in communities, initiated by Sarah Olney (Richmond Park) MP, can be [seen here](#).

14 November - NATS Technical Failure: CAA Report

The Transport Secretary, Louise Haigh MP, informed the House of the CAA's publication today of the final report of the independent review, led by Jeff Halliwell and an expert panel, into the NATS technical IT failure of 28 August 2023. See the statement [here](#).

19 November – Aviation (Accessibility)

Daniel Francis (Bexleyheath & Crayford) begged to move that leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision about the accessibility of air travel for disabled passengers; to make provision about the powers of the Civil Aviation Authority to enforce accessibility

requirements; to remove the limit on compensation for damage to wheelchairs or other mobility equipment on domestic flights; and for connected purposes. His motion is [here](#).

Transport Questions: House of Lords

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5 November: Renewable Transport Fuel Obligations (Sustainable Aviation Fuel) Order 2024

Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill asked that the Grand Committee to consider the Renewable Transport Fuel Obligations (Sustainable Aviation Fuel) Order 2024. Details are [here](#). **On 6 November** he asked that the draft Order and Regulations laid before the House on 24 July and 9 September be approved. Relevant document: 1st and 3rd Reports from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee (special attention drawn to the second instrument). Considered in Grand Committee on 5 November. Motions agreed.

6 November: Flight cancellations

[This answer](#) to an Urgent Question was given in the House of Commons on Tuesday 5 November.

18 November: Aviation Safety (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill asked that the Grand Committee do consider the Aviation Safety (Amendment) Regulations 2024. See the debate [here](#).

20 November: Aviation Safety (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill moved that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 23 October be approved – [see here](#).

Parliamentary Questions:

The answers to these questions can be found in the online version of this newsletter here. **(Add link)**

Q.1. Question (HL2513) asked by Baroness Randerson on 13 November 2024: “To ask His Majesty's Government whether they plan to implement financial mechanisms to support sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) production in the UK in view of the forthcoming SAF mandate.”.

A. Lord Hendy on 27 November 2024: “As announced in the King’s Speech, the Government will be laying legislation to introduce a revenue certainty mechanism that will support SAF production in the UK. We expect the legislation for a revenue certainty mechanism to be in place by the end of 2026. We also announced in the Budget that we will extend the Advanced Fuels Fund for a year to support the development of SAF plants in the UK”.

Q.2. Question (HL2330) asked by Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick on 5 November 2024: “To ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of ongoing air connectivity between Belfast and London”.

A. Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill on 15 November 2024: “We recognise the importance of maintaining a thriving and competitive aviation sector in the UK that supports and strengthens Union connectivity. Passengers between Belfast and London are well served with a choice of between 22 and 35 flights per day, depending on the season, between Belfast’s two airports (Belfast City and Belfast International) and five London airports (Gatwick, Heathrow, City, Luton and Stansted)”.

Q.3. Question (HL2551) asked by Baroness Hoey on 14 November 2024: “To ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to create designated-British-passports-only entry points at UK airports”.

A. Lord Hanson of Flint on 28 November 2024: “Whilst there are currently no plans to change queuing arrangements at the UK Border, those arrangements remain under constant review in order to prioritise security, maintain fluidity and ensure that we continue to run our border in the UK's best interests. As the quickest and most efficient method of crossing the border, we encourage all eligible passengers to make use of the e-Gates at our ports of entry where possible”.

Q.4. Question (14168) asked by Chris Hinchliff (North-East Herts) on 13 November 2024: “To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential economic impact of differences in the cost per mile of domestic (a) plane and (b) train travel; and if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of taking steps to equalise costs to ensure it is never cheaper to travel by plane than train for domestic purposes”.

A. Mike Kane on 19 November 2024: “The UK aviation market operates predominantly in the private sector. Airlines’ business models can at times accommodate more flexible pricing than the railway. The Government sets the percentage that regulated rail fares can be increased each year. Regulated fares make up around 45 per cent of rail fares and include commuter fares, such as season ticket and shorter-distance peak return, alongside longer-distance off-peak returns. The increase in regulated fares for 2025 will be the lowest absolute increase in three years and delivers a fair balance between passengers and taxpayers”.

Q.5. Question (15350) asked by Mike Martin (Tunbridge Wells) on 20 November 2024: “To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with the Civil Aviation Authority on steps to ensure that airspace modernisation around Gatwick airport leads to a reduction in noise levels for residents”.

A. Mike Kane on 28 November 2024: “The department has regular engagement with the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) to monitor the effective delivery of airspace modernisation and drive forward the environmental benefits of the programme. In its role as independent regulator, the CAA ensures that all airspace change proposals (ACPs) adhere to the CAP1616 process. CAP1616 sets out how sponsors of airspace change, such as Gatwick Airport, must consider the impacts of noise on the local communities, ensuring sufficient consultation takes place with those potentially affected”.

Q.6. Question (15348) asked by Mike Martin (Tunbridge Wells) on 20 November 2024: “To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of night-time flight noise on the health of residents living in Gatwick airport's flight path”.

A. Mike Kane on 28 November 2024: “The Government sets noise-related restrictions at Gatwick, including a limit on the number of night flights. The noise impacts of the airport are assessed annually. The Department for Transport has commissioned the Aviation Night Noise Effects study to explore how annoyance and sleep disturbance impacts vary at different times of the night. The final results are expected to be published in Autumn 2026”.

Q.7. Question (15026) asked by Adam Jogee (Newcastle-under-Lyme) on 19 November 2024: “To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will have discussions with representatives from Manchester Airport on the potential impact of the level of parking charges at Manchester Airport on passengers from (a) Newcastle-under-Lyme constituency and (b) North Staffordshire”.

A. Mike Kane on 27 November 2024: “Most airports in the UK are managed and operated as private businesses, and parking arrangements are subject to contractual agreements between airport operators and car parking companies covered by consumer laws. Whilst the Department does engage regularly with airports on a range of operational issues, the provision and charging of car parking at airports is a matter for the airport operator as a commercial business to manage and justify”.

Q.8. Question (15981) asked by Mike Martin (Tunbridge Wells) on 25 November 2024: “To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many times she has met with representatives of Gatwick Airport to discuss the proposed expansion”.

A. Mike Kane on 3 December 2024: “The Secretary of State for Transport has not met with representatives of Gatwick Airport to discuss the proposed expansion at the airport”.

Q.9. Question (15980) asked by Mike Martin (Tunbridge Wells) on 25 November 2024: “To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions she has had with campaign groups opposing the expansion of Gatwick airport”.

A. Mike Kane on 2 December 2024: “The Secretary of State for Transport has had no discussions with campaign groups opposing the expansion of Gatwick Airport”.

Q.10. Question (15979) asked by Mike Martin (Tunbridge Wells) on 25 November 2024: “To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact on public safety of proposals to expand use of the emergency runway at Gatwick airport for commercial flights”.

A. Mike Kane on 3 December 2024: “A proposal to expand use of the northern runway at Gatwick Airport is currently subject to a live application for a Development Consent Order, which will be determined by my Department. It would therefore not be appropriate for me to comment but all relevant matters, including safety and noise, will be thoroughly considered before a decision is issued, the statutory deadline for which is 27 February 2025”.

National and Regional News

1st November - Ryanair condemns the new Government's budget decision to increase APD on short-haul low fare air travel – see their press release [here](#).

1st November - The International Air Transport Association 2024 Global Passenger Survey reveals that travellers continue to prioritize convenience and speed – details [here](#).

2nd November – [Newcastle International Airport is about to embark on a £17 million runway resurfacing project](#) it says will 'future-proof' vital infrastructure.

2nd November – See [this interview](#) with Stephanie Wear, Vice President aviation at London Gatwick Airport. Stephanie joined Gatwick Airport in 2021.

3rd November – '[5 reasons why London City is a Well-Loved Airport in the British Capital](#)'.

3rd November – Read [this article](#) about the world's first air traffic control tower which was built at Croydon Airport in London more than 100 years ago.

4th November - [New figures from Cirium show UK airports experienced record-breaking surge in passenger activity during the 3rd quarter of 2024](#), surpassing pre-pandemic levels.

5th November – What are the steep approach rules that dictate operations at London City Airport? See [here](#) for details.

5th November - [Installation of new charging facility at Norwich Airport](#) marks new standard for regional airports integrating a solar energy array specifically tailored for electric aircraft.

5th November - [Bidder to reopen/run Doncaster Sheffield Airport has been identified](#). Legal and contract confirmation stages expected to be completed before Christmas.

5th November - [Birmingham Airport chooses NATS as new air traffic service provider](#). It has been run in-house for the past decade.

6th November - [British Airways celebrates its silver anniversary at London City Airport](#).

6th November - [Swissport launches new cargo facility at Heathrow](#). An additional launch set to be announced at Gatwick and expansions planned at East Midlands, Manchester, and Stansted airports.

6th November – CAA started the process of setting the next price control for Heathrow Airport Limited -[see here](#).

6th November – Read [this article](#) about how East Midlands Airport will keep open and running during winter weather conditions.

6th November – London Luton Airport has made multi-million-pound investment in fleet of sustainable car park transfer buses/operational vehicles used across the airport – see [here](#).

6th November - [Liverpool John Lennon Airport reports better revenues and profits](#) for the year to March 31, 2024.

7th November - [Glasgow - Newquay route added to Loganair's 2025 summer schedule](#).

7th November - [Airlines brace for foodless flights](#). Over 700 dnata workers providing food for airlines at Heathrow, Gatwick, Glasgow, London City, Stansted, Bristol, Manchester, and Birmingham airports are balloting for strike action.

8th November - [Farnborough Airport completes solar installations](#). It will enable the airport to generate 25% of its own power.

8th November – CEO of London Biggin Hill Airport talks about how he believes a strong airport MRO ecosystem powers success for all. See interview [here](#).

9th November - Post-pandemic travel surge: UK airports hit highest traffic levels in third quarter of 2024 – details [are here](#).

10th November - [Black taxi demand at Heathrow Airport drops in Autumn prompting speculation around cause](#). Despite this current dip, demand remains above pre-Covid levels.

11th November – [Heathrow now expects record total of 83.8m passengers across 2024](#): 2.9m higher than 2019 record of 80.9m and equating to 7,300 extra passengers every day.

11th November - [New report](#) says East Midlands Airport continues to take action to decarbonise its operations and enable local people to gain training and employment.

11th November - London Stansted's Aerozone education centre gets set to welcome its 25,000th visitor later this month – see story [here](#).

12th November - [840,210 people used Bournemouth Airport between April and October](#) – an increase of almost 103,000 on the same period last year. The increase positions the airport to surpass one million passengers in 2024, a milestone not achieved since 2008.

12th November - [East Midlands Airport launch new video](#) which captures the twin aspects of its business – passengers/holidaymakers and its cargo operation.

12th November – [Stansted Airport reports its busiest-ever day occurred on Sunday, October 27th](#), when more than 107,000 passengers passed through its doors.

12th November – [London Luton Airport announced by BSI](#) as the first airport in the world to achieve certification for its efforts in supporting employees with their wellbeing at work.

12th November - [Over 1,300 London taxi drivers stuck on Heathrow Airport 'TAG' waiting list](#) as 'one in, one out' policy blocks access. Details are here.

13th November - [Government Exports minister acknowledges role East Midlands Airport plays in driving regional growth](#) during a visit to celebrate/encourage international trade.

13th November - Heathrow's new flight plans are set to be debated in Parliament amid fears they could create "noise sewers" which could hit house prices – [see here](#) for details.

13th November - [AGS who own Aberdeen, Glasgow and Southampton airports, sold in £1.53bn deal](#). AviAlliance bought it for £900 million plus taking on £653 million in debts.

13th November – [Jet2 to fly from London Luton Airport to 17 European and Mediterranean holiday destinations](#) starting from 1 April for the Summer 2025 season.

13th November - [Stansted welcomed delegation from UK Innovation Corridor for visit to airport](#). UKIC is made up of local government representatives, businesses, universities, sub-regional bodies, and other partners.

14th November - [Huge air show to return to Manston airport which has been closed for a decade, ahead of its commercial relaunch](#). The event is planned for August 2025.

14th November - CAA publishes [final report](#) into the NATS ATC failure on 28 August 2023.

14th November - [Gatwick and GWR announce new partnership](#) to help meet aspirations to enhance the North Downs Line, connecting airport to Surrey and Thames Valley.

15th November - [Virgin Atlantic gets Heathrow slots from Emirates, EL AL and Saudia](#). Lease return arrangements to start 31 March 2025 and remain in effect through 23 October 2025.

15th November – Easyjet expands winter travel options from Birmingham Airport – [see here](#).

15th November – [Luton Airport to become Jet2 base](#). Operations start next summer.

15th November – [This article](#) talks about issues British Airways at Heathrow are having including woeful flight delay records and problems with food on flights.

16th November - [Air India to launch new flights from Delhi to London Gatwick](#). However, this has yet to be confirmed.

17th November – Low-cost in London: which budget airline has the biggest presence in London? [See here](#) for details.

17th November – ['Decoded: London Heathrow Airport's Busiest Routes in November'](#).

18th November – [This article](#) looks at drop-off parking charges at UK airports.

18th November - [Stansted played host to its annual Transport Forum on this week](#), bringing together transport professionals and community representatives from across the region.

19th November – [UK Airprox Board report](#) says BA flight with 200 passengers on board was just metres away from colliding with a pair of illegally flown drones at the end of July (28th).

19th November - Stansted announce that this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal stand raised £21,368, smashing last year's record of £15,230. Details are [here](#).

19th November – Article on the success of London's Biggin Hill Airport can be read [here](#).

20th November - [Teesside International Airport named UK's Best Airport for Leisure Travel for the 2nd consecutive year](#), securing the top spot at the prestigious British Travel Awards.

20th November – London Gatwick Airport Economic Zone in bid to drive local growth – see [here](#) and [here](#) for more details on this.

21st November - [Gatwick urges PM not to let second runway decision 'fester'](#). Bosses say delay would push up cost of the £2.2bn project and stop airlines from adding new routes.

22nd November – [Gatwick's South Terminal evacuated](#) as two are detained over 'suspect package'.

23rd November – [This article](#) says that a radical new aircraft is threatening Heathrow's grip on global travel. Meanwhile, [this item](#) looks at which airlines will operate the longest flights from the airport in December.

24th November - [London City, Bristol and Birmingham airports reportedly for sale](#). Owners Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan is said to be in talks over potential sale of its stakes in the UK airports to minority shareholders.

25th November - [Ryanair to offer three more routes from Bournemouth airport next year](#). They will be to airports in Crete, Greece and the Canary Islands.

25th November - [Heathrow's incoming major shareholder lays out support for expansion](#). They believe the airport needs to grow in the coming years.

25th November - [Gatwick is trialling new Smart Stand technology](#), which could revolutionise the way aircraft turns are managed at the airport.

25th November - [Bournemouth Airport welcomes its one millionth passenger in 2024](#) and looks forward to even bigger growth in 2025.

25th November – [East Midlands Airport set to celebrate its 60th anniversary next year](#) and asks what aviation will look like in another 60 years.

25th November - [Bristol Airport opens consultation on its expansion plans](#) which include direct long-haul flights to destinations such as Middle East and east coast of America.

25th November - [Transport Secretary launches new Jet Zero Taskforce](#) with senior figures in the aviation sector, to revamp efforts to make greener air travel a reality.

26th November - Agent appointed as phase one of new development at Oxford Airport takes off – details [here](#).

27th November - Airports join budget backlash with warning of business rates 'catastrophe' – [see here](#) for details.

27th November - [Local organisations receive a boost from the Stansted Airport Community Fund](#) who has just awarded nearly £30,000 to 13 projects across Essex and Hertfordshire.

28th November – [Leeds Bradford Airport has improved its Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark score](#) for the fourth consecutive year.

29th November - [London Southend Airport has announced the appointment of Jude Winstanley as its new CEO](#), effective 2 December 2024.

29th November - London Stansted's Aerozone education centre hits a major milestone, welcoming its 25,000th young visitor since opening in 2015. Details are [here](#).

29th November – Louise Haigh resigns as Transport Secretary – details are [here](#).

Other Aviation Industry News

1st November - [Those behind Waterford Airport expansion plans call on the Government to commit funding the project](#), saying it will help take pressure off Dublin with passenger cap.

1st November - [Ryanair opens new £5 million training academy at Prestwick Airport](#).

1st November - [Aer Lingus tells High Court that Dublin Airport summer passenger cap will cause 'irreparable harm'](#). High Court is set to rule on this issue next week – see [here](#).

2nd November - [Antwerp Airport to change name and undergo green transformation with electric air taxis and drones](#). It will be called Antwerp City Airport.

3rd November – This item talks about [how and why airports mitigate potential flood threats](#).

4th November - [From terminal to take-off](#): the role of connectivity in modern airports.

4th November - [The importance of airport slot governance](#): the global standards governing it and the role of new technologies in enhancing the efficiency of air travel.

4th November - [High Court agrees to pause the effects of Dublin Airport passenger cap](#) that was due to affect airlines' access to take-off and landing slots over summer 2025 period.

5th November - October was the busiest month for Cork and Dublin Airport – details [here](#).

5th November - [National Express announces adding thousands more seats on key intercity and airport routes](#). This follows a 25% increase of customers in 2023.

5th November - [Changes to flight paths from two Scottish airports delayed until 2028](#). CAA has rejected Edinburgh Airport consultation on changes and Glasgow will likely follow.

6th November - [Dublin Airport passengers could hit 35m next year](#). Planners' cap on numbers at the hub set to be exceeded for second straight year.

6th November - [Routes could be lost or flights significantly reduced](#) during runway resurfacing work this winter Edinburgh Airport's runway, its chief executive has warned.

6th November - ACI World launches expert guide to drive airports' commercial revenues in a digital era – [see here](#).

7th November - [KLM's response to 41% increase in Schiphol Airport charges](#). Schiphol will become 2nd most expensive airport in Europe, as it raises its fees in the coming year.

7th November - NATS announces Clarity, a new way for airports to balance sustainability and operational demands. Details are here in their [press release](#).

8th November – Read this article titled: ['Vertiports and User-Centred Design'](#).

8th November - Night flights in Lisbon will be blocked between 1am and 5am – see [here](#).

9th November – This article is titled: ['Engaging the next aviation generation'](#).

10th November – [Here](#) is an interesting article about night curfews at US airports.

11th November - [Prestwick Airport \(Scotland\) has posted a fifth consecutive year of operating profit](#) and is expected to benefit from new cargo handling deals.

11th November – [This article](#) states that airports must take the lead for cargo community systems to work.

12th November – [Hotel chain proposes 'walk-in' hotel at Edinburgh Airport](#). If approved, passengers would be able to walk from hotel to airport in only ten minutes.

12th November – RCA Group who own Bournemouth, Norwich and Exeter Airports, record an increase in passenger numbers from April to October – [see here](#).

12th November – Read this interesting article titled: ['How the next aviation revolution is set to start in the regional market'](#) about electric aircraft developments.

12th November - [Edinburgh Airport seeking feedback on how it plans to manage/mitigate aviation noise](#). It's launched its draft Noise Action Plan (NAP) for 2024 to 2028. Meanwhile...

13th November - [Edinburgh taxis set for 9.5% fare increase and airport drop off fee rise](#).

13th November - [Dublin Airport operator daa said it is looking at the potential of geothermal energy](#) as a renewable, low-carbon energy source to heat and cool the airport's buildings.

14th November – [Ryanair will fly from Aberdeen to historic city of Krakow in Poland from April next year](#). The service will operate twice a week on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Meanwhile...

14th November - ...[the airline is paying back a surcharge fee](#) it imposed on thousands of passengers in Italy for checking in at the airport, a total amount of over EUR1.5 million.

14th November - [Electra reveals design for EL9 Ultra Short hybrid-electric aircraft](#).

15th November – [Dutch government may lower number of flight movements at Schiphol airport next year](#): disappointing results from calculations on reducing noise pollution.

15th November - [Glasgow Prestwick and Chicago Rockford form cargo partnership](#).

15th November – [The Big Six](#): an article about the ambitions, development strategies and networks of six of the world's biggest global airport operators.

16th November – [This article](#) talks about what landing fees are in aviation and why they are important.

16th November - [Edinburgh Airport lounge staff face losing their jobs](#). This follows new operator CAVU winning contract from airport to run the facility from incumbent Swissport.

17th November – [‘Is turbulence in aviation becoming more of a problem?’](#)

18th November - [Dublin Airport whistleblower concerned about such actions in future](#). He had raised issues in protected disclosure over procedures at the airport.

18th November - [Connected Places Catapult launches HADeS competition](#). It offers up to £500k to help develop advanced airport security technologies to improve alarm resolution and screening efficiency.

19th November – [CAA launches new drone policy](#). CAA will now enable drones to fly beyond visual line of sight of remote pilots in ‘atypical’ operations through its new policy for atypical air environments.

19th November - AirportsUK respond to NATS report on its flight planning system failure of 2023 – [see here](#).

20th November – [These are the 7 aircraft types currently used by BA on US-bound flights](#).

20th November – [This item](#) puts a spotlight on latest airports to reach Level 5 in ACI's Airport Carbon Accreditation programme and other global pioneering sustainability initiatives.

20th November - [British Airways drops plans to scrap flights to Bahrain](#). However, flights to Kuwait will still be suspended in March although this decision will be kept 'under review'.

21st November - [Airports in the north of Ireland](#) look to take advantage of Dublin's passenger cap.

21st November - [Global airport industry celebrates milestone](#) as over 600 airports commit to CO2 management.

21st November – [Ryanair threaten cuts at 10 French regional airports](#) should French government carry out its plan to increase passenger taxes from those airports.

22nd November - British Airways has announced a multi-million pound investment in its engineering maintenance facility at Cardiff Airport. Details are [here](#).

22nd November – [Bus operator to increase frequency of service linking Dundee with Edinburgh Airport](#). They'll run every hour instead of 90 mins in response to 'surging demand'.

22nd November – [McDermott reach agreement with Willis Sustainable Fuels for the development of SAF facilities in UK](#). Initial phase includes early engineering for a SAF facility in Teesside, aiming to produce 50,000 litres per day.

23rd November – BA’s busiest international routes in December – see [here](#).

24th November – [This article](#) looks at what happened to Belfast International Airport’s former US routes.

25th November – Read: ‘[How biometrics are redefining the airport experience](#)’.

25th November – Over 600 airports across the world are now engaged in CO2 management with the Airport Carbon Accreditation programme. Details [here](#).

26th November – [This item](#) explores the critical role of ground transportation in enhancing the business aviation experience.

27th November – Read this article titled: ‘[Can wait times at airports be reduced?](#)’

27th November – [UK airports warn of higher air fares and fewer routes](#) if business rates soar – details here.

28th November – [The Non-Aero Business](#): this article explores how airports can maximise revenue from non-aeronautical sources.

28th November – [EasyJet to cut domestic flights after Chancellor’s tax raid](#). This follows Government’s move to increase air passenger duty (APD).

29th November – [ACI EUROPE unveils strategic vision at Airports Innovate 2024 Conference](#). It highlights its approach to addressing capacity and performance management challenges across European airports.

29th November – [Brussels Airport to introduce self-driving, electric shuttle bus](#) as part of its sustainability drive, transporting staff along a fixed route during a 3-month trial period.

30th November – [DAA’s ‘ultimate’ plan is for 55 million passengers a year through Dublin Airport](#). They tell planners increasing passenger cap to 40 million would involve 30% rise in peak passenger traffic.

30th November – [5 ‘hotspots’ for European plane-spotting](#) - including Heathrow and Wales.

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A presentation given by Prof. David Warnock-Smith, Buckinghamshire New University at the SASIG members' meeting held on 30 October 2024 may be seen in the members’ area of our website.