

## SASIG Aviation Bulletin: November 2025

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

- **3 November** - [Legal challenge lodged against 2<sup>nd</sup> runway plans at Gatwick](#). Also on this day: [Macquarie completes deal for Birmingham and Bristol Airport](#).
- **5 November** – [Latest approvals to support the full reopening of Doncaster Sheffield Airport](#) are supported by council Cabinet.
- **6 November** - [IATA release study](#) showing that integrating domestic/international departure passenger flows could save millions and streamline travel.
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- **17 November** – CAA and DfT publish two consultations on the future of UK Airspace – [CAP3158](#) and [CAP3159](#).
- **18 November** - [Arora Group submits updated proposals for its Heathrow West expansion scheme](#).
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- **23 November** - [First Skybus Cornwall Newquay to Gatwick flight takes off](#). Airline agreed a short-term deal to run service following collapse of Eastern Airways last month. More [here](#).
- **25 November** - [Heathrow's plan for longer third runway chosen by government](#). Government press release can be seen [here](#) and written statement to Parliament is [here](#).
- **25 November** – [Govt. sends letter to Climate Change Committee](#) setting out how DfT would like to engage with the CCC during the review of the Airports National Policy Statement.

And finally, this month a report from the Independent Transport Commission (ITC) examining '[The Policy and Regulatory challenges arising from New Aviation Technologies](#)' was published. It was authored by SASIG Policy Director, Chris Cain and is available on SASIG's website.

## Potential Actions for LAs

- ITC report mentioned above is recommended reading for members and officers. It offers significant insights into developments in the sector and the policy challenges it faces.
- Lot of developments on Heathrow R3 – important to be familiar with the latest.
- Consider responding to CAA consultations highlighted above.

## SASIG Activities

- Letter requesting a meeting with Aviation Minister Keir Mather sent to DfT.

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## **Editorial**

November started with news that a legal challenge has been lodged against plans to bring a second operating runway into use at Gatwick Airport. Campaigners are arguing the expansion was approved without adequate assessment of its environmental impacts.

Doncaster Sheffield Airport's plans to re-open continue to progress with news on the 5th that the City of Doncaster's Cabinet had supported a key stage towards fully reopening Doncaster Sheffield Airport by agreeing for CDC to receive funding from South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority.

Flights between Cornwall Newquay Airport and London Gatwick and previously operated by Eastern Airways, stopped with the collapse of the regional carrier on 27 October. To reinstate the route, which is subsidised by Government, an expedited tender process was hastily activated with Cornwall Council selecting Isles of Scilly-based Skybus, to resume the route from 23 November. Initially there will be a single daily flight with operations gearing up to twice-daily services on weekdays from 14 February 2026.

The CAA was busy issuing consultations this month – one on its proposed charges for the financial year 2026/27 and two other consultations on the future of UK Airspace – [CAP3158](#) and [CAP3159](#). Take a look at the Consultations section of this Bulletin for more details.

One of November's biggest pieces of news came towards the end of the month (25<sup>th</sup>) when it was announced that the Government had chosen Heathrow Airport's proposal should the 3<sup>rd</sup> runway project eventually materialise. Two plans had been under consideration - one from the airport itself, and another from Arora Group (who also submitted updated proposals this month) but the Government decided to go with Heathrow's proposal which includes a new runway up to 2.2 miles long and the requirement to reroute part of the M25 with a new road tunnel under the airport. However, a final decision on whether a 3rd runway will get the green light is still years away, with opening unlikely before 2035.

On the same day (25<sup>th</sup>), the Government wrote to the Climate Change Committee setting out how DfT would like to engage with them during the review of the Airports National Policy, including how airport expansion can be made consistent with net zero targets.

And finally, this month '[The Policy and Regulatory challenges arising from New Aviation Technologies](#)' report was published by the Independent Transport Commission. It was co-sponsored by SASIG and authored by SASIG Policy Director, Chris Cain and can be seen on our website.

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Policy Director  
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## **Events, Meetings and Conferences**

### **SASIG Meetings**

(To note: Since the pandemic, most SASIG meetings are held virtually. It is therefore advised to always check with the Secretariat first before making any travel arrangements).

#### **2025/26**

**Chairman's Advisory Group meeting (CAG):** Next meeting will be scheduled for early 2026 – date to be advised.

**SASIG Members' meeting:** next meeting likely to be scheduled for February 2026 – date to be advised.

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

**10-11 December 2025:** [15<sup>th</sup> Aviation Forum](#), Conference Centre, Hamburg

**17-18 March 2026:** [Sustainable Skies World Summit](#), Farnborough Conference Centre

**17-19 March 2026:** [Passenger Terminal Expo](#), Excel, London

**17-20 May 2026:** [Routes Europe](#), Rimini, Italy

**27-29 May 2026:** [EBACE](#), Geneva, Switzerland

**6-7 June 2026:** [Manston International Air Show](#), Manston Airport, Ramsgate

**20-24 July 2026:** [Farnborough Air Show](#), Farnborough

### **Consultations Update: Recent and current:**

#### **Ongoing:**

##### **[CAP1616: UK airspace Change Process consultation](#)**

On 25 September, the CAA launched their UK Airspace change process consultation. This document (CAP1616) is a formal consultation setting out the CAA's proposals to modify the airspace change process.

The consultation will run until 18 December 2025.

##### **[UK ETS: Regional Aviation Connectivity](#)**

On 28 October 2025, the UK ETS Authority launched a [consultation](#) to assess the impacts on regional air connectivity following the removal of UK ETS free allocation (FA) from the aviation sector. This could have material impacts on many regional and smaller airports and for that reason SASIG will be responding to this consultation. Members were notified.

The consultation seeks views on whether intervention is needed to protect regional air connectivity specifically in light of the end of FA for aircraft operators, and if so, what form this should take. Details on this consultation and how to respond can be seen [here](#) and the full consultation document can also be seen [here](#).

The deadline for responses is 19 December 2025.

#### **[CAA consultation: Policy framework for new types of Vertical-Take Off and Landing aircraft \(6 Nov 2025 – 29 Jan 2026\)](#)**

The CAA is aiming to implement the regulatory framework and operational systems needed for commercial passenger flights by new types of vertical take-off and landing (VTOL) aircraft by the end of 2028. As such, it is in the process of identifying the regulatory changes needed to accommodate the safe use of these new types of VTOL aircraft in the UK, whilst supporting sector growth, innovation, decarbonisation and international alignment.

On 6 November 2025, the CAA launched [a consultation](#) seeking views from the public and VTOL industry stakeholders on their proposed legislative changes.

This consultation closes **29 Jan 2026**.

#### **[UK Airspace Design and Coordination Services \(CAP3158 and CAP3159\) – 17 November 2025 – 12 January 2026.](#)**

On 17 November 2025 the CAA published:

- [Consultation on draft guidance for the UK Airspace Design and Coordination Services \(CAP 3158\); and](#)
- [Consultation on the requirements for the UK Airspace Coordination Service and associated guidance \(CAP 3159\).](#)

These services are central to the Government's approach to modernising UK airspace and will be provided by NATS (En Route) plc (NERL).

The CAA have updated their background document [Modernising the way we do airspace design \(CAP 3156\)](#), which supports these consultations, and they welcome responses by **12 January 2026**.

#### **[Proposed changes to the Air Navigation Directions and Air Navigation Guidance \(25 November – 20 January 2026\)](#)**

On 25 November, the DfT published a [consultation](#) on proposed changes to the Air Navigation Directions and Air Navigation Guidance. These two documents provide the framework and environmental guidance for the CAA on how to carry out its air navigation functions in line with Government policy.

These documents require updating to reflect the latest Government policies, priorities and climate obligations, and their revision is critical to the delivery of Airspace Modernisation. The proposed changes are intended to help futureproof UK skies in a sustainable manner, whilst supporting economic growth, including airport expansion.

The consultation and supporting documents may be seen [here](#) and the consultation will run until **20 January 2026**.

## **Parliamentary and Government News**

### **20 November: Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill**

Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill asked that the Bill be read a second time.  
*Scottish and Welsh legislative consent sought, Northern Ireland legislative consent granted.*

### **25 November: Airports National Policy Statement: Heathrow**

The Transport Secretary gave a written statement to update the House on the Government's decision to identify the scheme promoted by Heathrow Airport Ltd as the scheme to take forward in informing the ongoing review of the airports national policy statement over the coming months.

## **Transport Questions: House of Commons:**

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

There were no Transport Questions in the House of Commons this month.

## **Transport Questions: House of Lords**

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### **11 November: [Airport Expansion](#)**

The Government were asked by Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb, what advice they have received regarding the implications of net airport expansion for the United Kingdom's net-zero target and economy.

## **Parliamentary Questions:**

**Q.1. Question (87410) asked by Munira Wilson (Twickenham) on 3 November 2025: "To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when she expects the (a) economic and (b) environmental analysis of Heathrow Airport expansion to (i) commence and (ii) be completed."**

A. Keir Mather on 11 November 2025: "On 22 October, the Secretary of State for Transport launched a review of the Airports National Policy Statement (ANPS), which provides the primary basis for decision-making on whether to grant development consent for a new northwest runway at Heathrow. As part of the review, the Department for Transport will develop analysis on the economic and environmental impacts of expansion at Heathrow,

and the outputs will be published alongside any amends to the ANPS for consultation by summer 2026. Any promoter will then need to prepare and submit a development consent order, including their own analysis, for expansion for consideration by the Planning Inspectorate and the Secretary of State for Transport”.

**Q.2. Question (87681) asked by Chris Coghlan (Dorking & Horley) on 3 November 2025:** “To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an assessment the adequacy of the enforcement basis of drop-off charge systems operated by airports; and what steps her Department is taking to help ensure that motorists receive (a) clear and (b) accurate information on (i) airport drop-off charge system enforcement practices and (ii) the authority for issuing any related fines”.

A. Keir Mather on 11 November 2025: “The provision and charging of car parking at airports, including drop-off and pick-up charges, is a matter for the airport operator as a commercial business to manage and justify. Any issue relating to car parking charges should be raised with the airport operator directly. However, the Department expects car parking at airports to be managed appropriately and for consumers to be treated fairly, which could include providing information on choices for parking, along with information on how to access them”.

**Q.3. Question (HL11673) asked by Baroness Pidgeon on 5 November 2025:** “To ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the Transport for London's submission to the consultation on the Revised National Policy Statement (NPS) on Airport capacity in 2017, which found that 61–69 per cent of people travelling to Heathrow Airport would need to use public transport to meet the requirement of no increase in airport related traffic as a result of expansion; and how this will be included in any assessment of promoters of expansion at Heathrow going forward”.

A. Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill on 19 November 2025: “The Government recognises the vital role that public transport has in surface access to an expanded Heathrow airport. As part of the review of the Airports National Policy Statement (ANPS), launched on 22 October 2025, we are reviewing the public transport targets required to support sustainable access to a third runway, as well as the impacts on the road network. Transport for London will be a key stakeholder in this process, and my department will work closely with them. A revised ANPS will be published for public consultation by Summer 26”.

**Q.4. Question (87788) asked by Sir James Cleverley (Braintree) on 4 November 2025:** “To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 26 February 2025 to Question 32153 on Airports: Business Rates, whether the Valuation Office Agency has made other changes to the methodology of airport valuations since the last revaluation”.

A. Dan Tomlinson on 17 November 2025: “There have been no changes to the method of assessing airports since the last revaluation”.

**Q.5. Question (88126) asked by Sian Berry (Brighton Pavilion) on 4 November 2025:** “To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the environmental impact assessment for the review of the Airports National Policy Statement will include Scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions”.

A. Keir Mather on 17 November 2025: “The review of the Airports National Policy Statement will include a Strategic Environmental Assessment as part of the Appraisal of Sustainability.

This will include consideration of greenhouse gas emissions. A scheme promoter will then be responsible for producing an environmental impact assessment as part of the development consent order process and this will be considered as part of the Secretary of State's decision on planning consent".

**Q.6. Question (88127) asked by Sian Berry (Brighton Pavilion) on 4 November 2025: "To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she will publish environmental impact assessments for plans to expand (a) Heathrow, (b) Luton and (c) Gatwick airports that include Scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions".**

A. Keir Mather on 17 November 2025: "The Department for Transport has indicated that it will not be possible to answer this question within the usual time period. An answer is being prepared and will be provided as soon as it is available".

**Q.7. Question (HL11631) asked by Lord Bassam of Brighton on 5 November 2025: "To ask His Majesty's Government whether they will consider surface rail transportation benefits of a southern link to Heathrow when evaluating proposals for the expansion of Heathrow Airport".**

A. Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill on 20 November 2025: "The Government recognises the vital role that surface access will play as part of any future expansion of Heathrow Airport. As part of the review of the Airports National Policy Statement (ANPS), launched on 22 October 2025, we will consider the transport infrastructure required to support a third runway, including rail connectivity and mode share targets. This will include considering the impacts for travellers from different regions. The Government has been clear that expansion must be affordable and delivered in the best interest of passengers. Scheme costs should be minimised and financed through private funding, including any surface transport costs. While it would not be appropriate to pre-empt the outcome of the ANPS review at this stage, it will be the responsibility of any expansion promoter to set out a surface access strategy demonstrating how they will meet the requirements set out in the ANPS".

**Q.8. Question (HL11632) asked by Lord Bassam of Brighton on 5 November 2025: "To ask His Majesty's Government whether they will carry out an economic assessment, including a regional analysis, when evaluating rail access to Heathrow Airport as part of expansion proposals".**

A. Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill on 20 November 2025: (See answer to HL11631 above).

**Q.9. Question (HL11671) asked by Baroness Pidgeon on 5 November 2025: "To ask His Majesty's Government whether they expect Heathrow Airport (1) to model the impact of expansion on road traffic, (2) to reset mode share targets, and (3) to confirm that road traffic will not increase as a result of any expansion proposals, in line with commitments set out in the Department for Transport document Heathrow Northwest Runway: Connectivity published in 2016".**

A. Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill on 20 November 2025: "Any promoter of expansion at Heathrow will need to model the impact of expansion on roads around the airport as part of their Development Consent Order application. National Highways will also be consulted as part of this process. Mode share targets and road traffic mitigations will also be considered as part of the Airports National Policy Statement review. This will be published for consultation by summer 2026".

**Q.10. Question (HL11672) asked by Baroness Pidgeon on 5 November 2025: “To ask His Majesty's Government when they will publish their strategic objectives for (1) passenger mode share, and (2) rail access, to Heathrow as part of the revised Airports National Policy Statement”.**

A. Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill on 19 November 2025: “The Government recognises the vital role that surface access will play as part of any future expansion of Heathrow Airport, and public transport including rail access will be a key part of this. As part of the review of the Airports National Policy Statement (ANPS), launched on 22 October 2025, we will consider the Government's strategic objectives for surface access, including public transport mode share targets and rail access. A draft ANPS will be published for consultation by summer 2026”.

**Q.11. Question (89712) asked by Andrew Snowden (Fylde) on 11 November 2025: “To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department has undertaken a cross-Government assessment of the potential implications of a US government shutdown on border security at UK airports”.**

A. Alex Norris on 21 November 2025: “Our priority is to maintain a secure border. We will not compromise on this. Border Force performs checks on all passengers arriving at the UK border on scheduled services to identify individuals who pose, or are suspected to pose, a risk to the national interest. Border Force checks all passengers arriving at the UK border on scheduled services to identify individuals who pose, or are suspected to pose, a risk to the national interest”.

**Q.12. Question (89641) asked by Richard Holden (Basildon & Billericay) on 11 November 2025: “To ask the Secretary of State for Transport. pursuant to the Answer of 30 October 2025 to Question 85352 on Airports: Business Rates, whether the Valuation Office Agency has received any (a) formal challenges and (b) appeals from airports on their rateable values”.**

A. Dan Tomlinson on 17 November 2025: “The Valuation Office Agency has not received any formal challenges or appeals from airports on their rateable values for the 2026 Rating List, as it is not yet live. The VOA cannot confirm details for the 2023 list because the numbers are too small and disclosure would breach confidentiality under legislation”.

**Q.13. Question (87710) asked by David Mundell (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale & Tweeddale) on 4 November 2025: “To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when she expects temporary restrictions on the carrying of liquids by passengers using airports that fully operate Next Generation Security Checkpoints to be lifted”.**

A. Keir Mather on 11 November 2025: “Passengers can already carry liquids in containers up to 2L where their airport has upgraded to equipment which has passed relevant certifications”.

**Q.14. Question (91264) asked by Dr Al Pinkerton (Surrey Heath) on 14 November 2025: “To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has made an assessment of the adequacy of protections in place for homes situated next to Farnborough Airport in the context of expansion proposals”.**

A. Keir Mather on 24 November 2025: “Assessment of the adequacy of protections for

homes situated next to Farnborough Airport is a matter for Rushmoor Borough Council as the local planning authority responsible for considering the airport's planning application for expansion".

**Q.15. Question (91168) asked by Fleur Anderson (Putney) on 14 November 2025: "To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when her Department will publish updated aviation forecasts".**

A. Keir Mather on 24 November 2025: "Updated aviation forecasts are being developed to support the review of the ANPS and will be published alongside the outcome of the review".

**To note:** there were actually a huge number of questions relating to aviation this month - in particular, expansion of Heathrow and zero emission targets. There are far too many to list fully as above but please click on the links below to look at just some of the others:

[91164](#)/[91165](#)/[91166](#)/[91167](#)/[91169](#)/[91170](#)/[90815](#)/[90816](#)/[90930](#)/[89635](#)/[90391](#) and [90392](#)

## **National and Regional News**

**1<sup>st</sup> November** - [More airlines are due to move over to Manchester Airport's rejuvenated Terminal 2](#) before the end of 2025.

**2<sup>nd</sup> November** – Read [here](#) about London Heathrow's longest non-stop routes with the Boeing 787 Dreamliner in 2025.

**3<sup>rd</sup> November** - [Legal challenge lodged against 2<sup>nd</sup> runway plans at Gatwick](#). Campaigners argue expansion was approved without adequate assessment of its environmental impacts.

**3<sup>rd</sup> November** - [London Stansted Airport releases latest Sustainability Report](#). It highlights major achievements over past 5 years and unveils new strategy to reach net zero by 2038.

**3<sup>rd</sup> November** - [Macquarie completes deal for Birmingham and Bristol Airport](#). The deal sees the investor acquire a 55% stake in Bristol Airport and a 26.5% stake in Birmingham Airport.

**4<sup>th</sup> November** - [East Midlands Airport welcomes its latest international cargo operator](#). China's SF Express, launched inaugural flight from Ezhou Huahu Airport on Saturday.

**4<sup>th</sup> November** - [London City Airport to introduce drop-off charge for all vehicles](#) by end of year, bringing it into line with other UK airports already operating similar schemes.

**4<sup>th</sup> November** - [Ryanair boss blasts 'hopeless and useless' UK government over travel tax](#). He's warned that the policy will see airlines move planes out of the country.

**5<sup>th</sup> November** - Visit Peak District & Derbyshire and Visit Nottinghamshire exhibit together at World Travel Market, London 2025 in a [partnership supported by East Midlands Airport](#).

**5<sup>th</sup> November** - Latest approvals to support the full reopening of Doncaster Sheffield Airport supported by the council Cabinet – [see here](#) for details.

**6<sup>th</sup> November** - [Heathrow hails Abuja, capital of Nigeria, as vibrant diplomatic hub](#) as Air Peace opens direct route.

**7<sup>th</sup> November** - [Stansted's fifth annual Runway Run raises £9,000 for the airport's three chosen charities](#). It was held at 1am, when no flights were scheduled.

**7<sup>th</sup> November** - [This article](#) is about how to save more than 70% on parking at Heathrow.

**7<sup>th</sup> November** - [East Midlands Airport sees unprecedented period of growth since launching its cargo development plans in May](#). Latest figures show 11.4% increase since last year.

**7<sup>th</sup> November** - [Skybus confirmed to resume Cornwall-Gatwick link](#) following demise of Eastern Airways. Initially there'll be a single daily flight gearing up to twice-daily services on weekdays from 14 February 2026.

**9<sup>th</sup> November** – This interesting article looks at [the longest routes British Airways flies with its Airbus A380s in 2025](#).

**9<sup>th</sup> November** - [ZeroAvia, a company in the field of zero-emission aviation](#), with operations in the UK and USA, secures EU support for introduction of hydrogen-electric aircraft.

**10<sup>th</sup> November** - [EasyJet celebrating 30 years](#) since its first ever flight from Luton Airport to Glasgow. Founder says making Luton Airport its base was "a risky selection" that paid off.

**10<sup>th</sup> November** – [Bournemouth Airport opens brand new arrivals hall](#) as part of major upgrade doubling number of Border Force passport control desks.

**10<sup>th</sup> November** - [CAA opens a consultation](#) on its proposed charges for the financial year 2026/27. Consultation closes on 22 December and more on this can be seen [here](#) and [here](#).

**10<sup>th</sup> November** - [Skybus to undergo massive expansion](#) with new London-Newquay ATR72 air link.

**10<sup>th</sup> November** - [British Airways's boss has said Heathrow Airport should be expanded without moving the M25 motorway if possible](#) and potentially build a shorter runway. He also said 'There is no reason we should not have low-cost carriers with our third runway'.

**11<sup>th</sup> November** - [Heathrow hails "bumper half-term" as it records busiest October](#). 7.4 million passengers passed through its four terminals. Meanwhile...

**11<sup>th</sup> November** - [A busy half-term getaway helped London Stansted record its busiest ever October too](#). A record 2.68 million passengers passed through its terminal that month.

**11<sup>th</sup> November** - [London Gatwick announces appointment of Jonny Macneal as new Head of Aviation Development](#), effective 5 January 2026. He joins Gatwick from Edinburgh Airport.

**11<sup>th</sup> November** - [British Airways warns Heathrow it could move investment to Europe](#) if third runway bill is too high.

**11<sup>th</sup> November** - [The UK aviation market is becoming less competitive](#), warned industry executives at yesterday's Airlines 2025 conference in London.

**11<sup>th</sup> November** - [Birmingham Airport has appointed consultancy Arup](#) to lead development of its masterplan, setting out long-term vision for airport's growth through to 2041.

**12<sup>th</sup> November** - [London Gatwick celebrates arrival of Jet2, becoming airline's newest airport base](#). Airport will welcome Jet2 in March 2026.

**12<sup>th</sup> November** - Vertiport developer Skyporz embarks on new research collaboration with the aerodynamic and aeroacoustic research group at the University of Bristol – see [here](#).

**12<sup>th</sup> November** – [CAA chief warns it's only a matter of time before organized drone attacks bring UK airports to a standstill](#). He said this at Airlines UK conference on Monday 10<sup>th</sup>.

**13<sup>th</sup> November** - [Heathrow Business Summit celebrates record SME turnout](#) as airport doubles supply chain investment to £2 billion. Meanwhile....

**13<sup>th</sup> November** – [Gatwick's CE, speaking at the London Gatwick Economic Summit](#), said that "London Gatwick is not only a gateway to the world, it's a key catalyst for regional growth."

**13<sup>th</sup> November** – Drone enthusiasts might like this article: [UTM tech supplier Unifly has deployed a completely renewed DroneGuide platform for Belgian ANSP skeyes](#).

**13<sup>th</sup> November** - [Manchester Airport hits back at data](#) which said it had most delayed flights among UK airports during first half of 2025, with less than ¾ of flights departing on time.

**14<sup>th</sup> November** - [East Midlands Airport experiences unprecedented growth since launching its cargo development plans in May](#). Latest figures show an 11.4% increase over last year.

**14<sup>th</sup> November** - [Airline Blue Islands which serves the Channel Islands](#), has suspended operations with immediate effect.

**15<sup>th</sup> November** - [Condor is expanding its European route network with service to Gatwick starting April 2026](#) marking the first time London will be part of the airline's direct network.

**16<sup>th</sup> November** - [Cornwall Airport Newquay has clinched the prestigious Gold award](#) in the International Tourism category at the 2025 Cornwall Tourism Awards – see [here](#).

**17<sup>th</sup> November** - Passengers travelling to every London airport to benefit from simpler train journeys, with the [expansion of contactless ticketing to Stansted and Southend Airports](#).

**17<sup>th</sup> November** - Manchester Airports Group completes Phase One of major digital transformation programme – details are [here](#).

**17<sup>th</sup> November** - [Philip Jansen, the former BT boss, is to be named as the successor to Lord Deighton as Chairman of Heathrow Airport](#), later this month.

**17<sup>th</sup> November** – CAA and DfT publish two consultations on the future of UK Airspace – [CAP3158](#) and [CAP3159](#).

**18<sup>th</sup> November** - [LondonMetric Property strengthens portfolio with £51m of airport-linked acquisitions](#) - a UPS logistics hub at East Midlands Airport and a hotel at Manchester Airport.

**18<sup>th</sup> November** - [Arora Group has submitted updated proposals for its Heathrow West expansion scheme](#). It's claiming significant advantages over rival plans from Heathrow Airport Ltd as government prepares to make a final decision by end of November.

**19<sup>th</sup> November** - [Airlines complete their moves to Manchester Airport's £1.3bn new terminal](#). All passengers will now go through Terminal 2 unless they are flying with Ryanair.

**20<sup>th</sup> November** - [Britain's pilots urging Transport Secretary to "future-proof" plans for Heathrow's 3rd runway](#). Government expected to choose between the two bids to build new runway by the end of the month.

**20<sup>th</sup> November** - [A meeting of the Full City of Doncaster Council will be asked to approve £57m of borrowing](#) to fund the upfront and reopening costs of Doncaster Sheffield Airport.

**20<sup>th</sup> November** - [Bournemouth Airport celebrates record-breaking summer](#) as passenger numbers soar 28%.

**20<sup>th</sup> November** - [London Stansted announce easyJet will launch new service to Paris Charles de Gaulle starting March 2026](#). Route will operate twice weekly on Mondays and Fridays.

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**21<sup>st</sup> November** - Thousands of British jobs secured as billions of pounds worth of aero deals announced at Dubai Airshow – more details in the Government press release which is [here](#).

**21<sup>st</sup> November** - [London City Airport brought together 500+ students from east London](#) for its annual 'STEM in Aviation Day', showcasing technologies/skills shaping future of aviation.

**22<sup>nd</sup> November** - [Zoom Cars secures Bristol Airport taxi concession starting from February](#). Airport wants single operator to deliver round-the-clock service for passengers/airport staff.

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**24<sup>th</sup> November** - UK's only direct service to Sharjah to launch from London Gatwick as Middle East demand surges – details are [here](#).

**24<sup>th</sup> November** - First phase of Oxford Airport's new tech park now complete – details [here](#).

**24<sup>th</sup> November** - [Rail campaign group Railfuture calls for changes to rail services between central London and Gatwick Airport](#), saying it's time to 'end the fiction of Gatwick Express'.

**25<sup>th</sup> November** - [Finishing touches now made as part of project to transform the security hall at East Midlands Airport](#): a key component of 5-year, £120m investment programme.

**25<sup>th</sup> November** - [Heathrow's plan for longer 3rd runway chosen by government](#).

Government press release can be seen [here](#) and written statement to Parliament is [here](#).

**25 November** – [Govt. sends letter to Climate Change Committee](#) setting out how DfT would like to engage with the CCC during the review of the Airports National Policy Statement.

**25<sup>th</sup> November** – [Read article about Luton Rising](#), the first 100% council-owned company to secure a DCO - and a national model for sustainable, inclusive airport growth.

**25<sup>th</sup> November** - [Doncaster Sheffield Airport](#): Labour mayor and Reform UK leader "in agreement" on need for £57m borrowing.

**25<sup>th</sup> November** - [Norwich Airport saw 5% increase in passengers using airport this summer](#).

Total of 332,251 people flew from the airport between April 1 and October 31 of this year.

**25<sup>th</sup> November** – [Heathrow says its owners require assurances that airlines will cover an estimated £500m of early spending](#) should the 3<sup>rd</sup> runway project fail to come to fruition.

**26<sup>th</sup> November** - [CILT\(UK\) acknowledges Heathrow 3<sup>rd</sup> runway announcement](#) and calls for robust analysis.

**26<sup>th</sup> November** - City of Doncaster Council's external auditors recommend authority take advice over [potential conflicts of interest of having senior officers on Doncaster Sheffield Airport company board](#).

**27<sup>th</sup> November** - [Ryanair adds extra seats at Bristol Airport for 51,000-pax. Christmas rush](#).

**28<sup>th</sup> November** – [Local man issued parking ticket is battling both Cornwall Airport Newquay and its car park management firm](#), claiming they legally don't have power to issue the ticket.

**28<sup>th</sup> November** - [Jet2.com and Jet2CityBreaks welcome Christmas market getaways](#) with their first Winter 25/26 flight from Belfast to Vienna and Krakow.

**30<sup>th</sup> November** – [These are Heathrow Airport's top long-haul operators](#) this December.

## **Other Aviation Industry News**

**1<sup>st</sup> November** – [Prestwick Airport lining up routes to India](#) as freight train cargo operation rise. The airport was rescued in 2013 with a purchase from Infratil of New Zealand for £1.

**1<sup>st</sup> November** - [Vertical Take Off and Landing \(VTOL\) composite wing drone automatic airport market](#) to reach \$25 billion with CAGR of 24% during forecast period 2025 to 2035.

**2<sup>nd</sup> November** – UK's Ryanair and Wizz Air, have separately warned about the rising costs facing the aviation sector following last year's Budget announcement. Details are [here](#).

**3<sup>rd</sup> November** - [Cardiff Airport has appointed Jon Bridge as its new CEO](#), effective today.

**3<sup>rd</sup> November** - [A joint venture has secured a €265M \(£233M\) tunnelling deal at Dublin Airport](#). A 1.1km-long West Apron Vehicle Underpass will be created to provide a dedicated route for airside vehicles such as tugs, steps, catering trucks and cargo operators.

**3<sup>rd</sup> November** – [This article](#) explores how airports should be appealing to Gen Z passengers.

**3<sup>rd</sup> November** - [Ryanair boss launched stinging attack on Dublin and Cork Airport operator DAA](#) over imminent departure of CE, Kenny Jacobs, a former Ryanair executive.

**4<sup>th</sup> November** - [Plans to build a fuel pipeline from Dublin Port's oil terminal to Dublin Airport appear to have faltered](#) with the development company behind project, set to shut down.

**4<sup>th</sup> November** - [Cork Airport welcomed almost 307,000 passengers in October](#), 18% higher than the same month last year.

**4<sup>th</sup> November** – Details on drop-in events for Glasgow Airport's Airspace Change Proposal – Public Consultation, can be seen [here](#).

**4<sup>th</sup> November** – [This article](#) is about European airports that have been affected by drones sightings recently. Meanwhile, [drone breaches near Dublin Airport spark regulator action](#).

**5<sup>th</sup> November** - [US Transportation Secretary says he'll order 10% of flights at 40 major US airports to be cut from tomorrow](#) unless a deal to end federal govt. shutdown is reached.

**6<sup>th</sup> November** - [IATA release study](#) showing that integrating domestic/international departure passenger flows could save millions. The [Domestic and International Passenger Integration Program report](#) is a joint effort with AtkinsRéalisan.

**6<sup>th</sup> November** - [ACI EUROPE releases its preliminary air traffic report for September](#) and the 3rd quarter of 2025, showing continued passenger growth across the continent.

**6<sup>th</sup> November** - [Plans for conference centre, restaurant and spa opposite Jersey Airport rejected](#) due to issues including how it would be "overly dominant" and harm the landscape.

**7<sup>th</sup> November** - [No impact on Irish flights expected as US flight cancellations begin](#).

Mounting chaos likely at 40 US airports amid government shutdown that has hit ATC

**7<sup>th</sup> November** - [Airport commercial revenue consultancy Mercurius Group joins with AI Consulting Group](#) to develop/implement real-world agentic AI use cases within airport ecosystems.

**9<sup>th</sup> November** - [IATA 2025 Global Passenger Survey](#), reveals strong passenger preference for modern technology — from digital boarding passes to biometric security.

**9<sup>th</sup> November** - [Air traffic at Liège Airport suspended again after multiple drones were seen near the airport](#). It's the 3rd disruption in as many days, according to Belgium's ATC agency.

**10<sup>th</sup> November** - [UK deploys anti-drone team to Belgium](#) after repeated airport intrusions and base flyovers.

**10<sup>th</sup> November** - [ZeroAvia secures €21.4 million EU grant](#) to launch hydrogen-electric cargo aircraft in Norway.

**11<sup>th</sup> November** – This article talks about '[How game-changing future technologies are driving benefits as well as inconsistency amongst the airports of the future](#)'.

**11<sup>th</sup> November** - ICAO pushes countries to modernise border systems ahead of projected 12.4 billion passengers by 2050. See details [here](#).

**11<sup>th</sup> November** - [Abu Dhabi plans to build 10 vertiports](#) as infrastructure for upcoming air taxi and eVTOLs services, as part of emirate's push into smart and sustainable air mobility.

**12<sup>th</sup> November** - [DAA board pushes back as Minister suggests reconciliation with CE](#).

Airports group needs sign-off from Transport Minister for near-€1m exit deal for CE.

**12<sup>th</sup> November** - This article is titled: '[How Europe's private drone industry eyes opportunity as NATO strengthens defence](#)'.

**12<sup>th</sup> November** - [Ryanair scraps printed boarding passes to go fully digital](#). Passengers presenting printed boarding passes will not be accepted to fly with Ryanair from today.

**12<sup>th</sup> November** - [Glasgow Airport launches new initiative](#) highlighting to passengers the benefits of flying from their local airport instead of travelling to others further afield.

**12<sup>th</sup> November** - [Aer Lingus launch Express Bag Drop kiosks at multiple airports across the Island of Ireland](#). It lets passengers tag and drop their checked bags in under 2 minutes.

**13<sup>th</sup> November** – This article lists: '[The 10 Largest Airline Megahubs In 2025](#)'. Heathrow comes in at No. 10.

**13<sup>th</sup> November** – [Norwegian airports operator to investigate potential of hydrogen](#) to help build knowledge on how hydrogen can be stored, refuelled, and distributed at airports.

**14<sup>th</sup> November** – This article is titled: '[Innovation Built In: Advancing Smart Airport Design with AI and Technology](#)'.

**14<sup>th</sup> November** - [Knock Airport on course for €24m revenue](#) as passenger numbers top 900,000 for first time.

**15<sup>th</sup> November** – Concern remains over daa top job – see [here](#) for details. Meanwhile....

**16<sup>th</sup> November** - [DAA expects to provide information “later this month” to airport noise regulator ANCA](#) about application to expand airport capacity to 40m passengers per annum.

**17<sup>th</sup> November** - WTW business Willis has partnered with NATS to deliver risk and resilience advisory services and bespoke solutions to global aviation stakeholders. Details are [here](#).

**17<sup>th</sup> November** - [Alliance Aviation Group has announced the handover of its General Aviation Terminal at Dublin Airport](#) will take place in mid-February 2026.

**17<sup>th</sup> November** - [Dublin Airport hit back over complaints](#) it had tried to paint itself as environmentally friendly in a dispute over an advertising campaign about emissions.

**17<sup>th</sup> November** - Taoiseach opens new arrivals hall at Kerry Airport – details [here](#).

**18<sup>th</sup> November** - [Dubai’s DWC airport expansion gains \\$3.5 billion UK backing at Dubai Airshow](#). Al Maktoum Airport to serve 150 million passengers annually by the early 2030s.

**18<sup>th</sup> November** - [Singapore poised to become 1st country in the world to sting travellers with a green fuel tax](#). CAA Singapore confirmed its Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) Levy for all passengers who depart from the country to another destination.

**18<sup>th</sup> November** - [Ports of Jersey is owed £3.2 million](#) from unpaid Blue Islands' landing fees.

**18<sup>th</sup> November** - [IATA chief says EU is doing 'very little' to address airlines' competitiveness](#). Willie Walsh also criticised its passenger compensation policy.**19<sup>th</sup> November** - [Aer Lingus considering shutting down its Manchester Airport base](#). It comes just weeks after cabin crew strike and now airline is consultation with the workforce.

**19<sup>th</sup> November** - WestJet, one of Canada's largest airlines, has confirmed it is to return to Glasgow Airport in 2026 with the launch of direct services to Toronto. Details are [here](#).

**20<sup>th</sup> November** – A new report explores the barriers to scaling Sustainable Aviation Fuel and how airports can lead efforts to decarbonise aviation. Details can be seen [here](#) and [here](#).

**20<sup>th</sup> November** - [All departures from Brussels Airport have been cancelled on November 26, 2025](#), in response to a national strike in Belgium that is set to last three days.

**20<sup>th</sup> November** - [Government to review design standards at critical national infrastructure](#) in response to electrical substation fire that caused Heathrow power outage in March.

**20<sup>th</sup> November** - One person suffered critical injuries after a light aircraft crashed while trying to make an emergency landing in Waterford in Ireland – see [here](#) for details.

**21<sup>st</sup> November** - [Schiphol Airport plans to invest €10 billion into improving and expanding airport over next 10 years](#) with hundreds of millions being allocated to investments abroad.

**21<sup>st</sup> November** - ‘Timely and prudent’ £3 million-plus sale of building next to Aberdeen airport – details [here](#).

**21<sup>st</sup> November** - [Remote Scottish island airports named in report as the least reliable for UK air travel](#), with Barra Airport recording the highest cancellation rate across Britain.

**21<sup>st</sup> November** - [Cardiff Airport will boost its air cargo prospects with WestJet passenger flights to Toronto, Canada from 23 May next year](#) with four times a week service.

**22<sup>nd</sup> November** - [Prestwick Airport could see a dent in its recently-won Chinese freight business](#) after the Chancellor announced new tariffs on low value goods entering the UK.

**23<sup>rd</sup> November** – [‘The 10 Easiest European Airports to Transit Through In 2025’](#): Dublin is on this list which looked at factors including layout, size, interior design and amenities.

**23<sup>rd</sup> November** - [Aer Lingus is considering pulling out of its Manchester Airport base](#), which they say has not been performing as well as its Irish airports.

**24<sup>th</sup> November** – This interesting article asks: ‘[What is a smart airport?](#)’

**24<sup>th</sup> November** – [UK CAA has confirmed the appointment of Crispin Orr as a new non-executive director](#).

**25<sup>th</sup> November** - [EU Channels €600M](#) into backing 70 projects across 24 EU nations along the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) which includes airports.

**26<sup>th</sup> November** - [Saudi Arabia to build new 40-million-passenger terminal at King Salman Int. Airport](#) with aim to transform airport into one of the world's largest aviation hubs.

**27<sup>th</sup> November** – This article is titled: '[Tensions in air and rail integration based on a European longitudinal case study with stakeholders](#)'.

**27<sup>th</sup> November** - Airports urge innovation and slot reform as ACI chief calls for modernised global framework – details [here](#).

**28<sup>th</sup> November** - [Prestwick Airport will remain in public ownership](#) after talks with preferred bidder broke down. It's 2nd time a buyer has pulled out since government bought airport from Infratil in 2013 for £1.

**28<sup>th</sup> November** - [Shannon Airport has officially opened its €3.6m airfield-located solar PV farm](#), which is expected to supply 20% of the airports annual electricity needs.

**29<sup>th</sup> November** - [These airlines](#) operate the top Europe-Middle East routes by frequency.

**30<sup>th</sup> November** - [The 7 Busiest Airbus A380 Routes This Winter](#): London and Manchester from Dubai are included.

## **SASIG Library Additions**

A report co-sponsored by SASIG in conjunction with the CAA, led by the Independent Transport Commission and authored by SASIG Policy Director, Chris Cain, titled: '**The Policy and Regulatory Challenges arising from New Aviation Technologies**' can be seen in the members' section of our website.