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<p>4 Dec. 2012 – Heathrow Airport operators join forces with noise campaign group on noise respite trial Heathrow, in partnership with Heathrow Association for the Control of Airport Noise (HACAN), NATS and British Airways, has launched a new trial to test whether creating ‘noise relief zones’ for communities under the flight path could ease disturbance for residents.</p> <p>The Early Morning Noise Respite Trial will define two zones over each trial area that will be ‘active’ sequentially week by week. The aim is to provide communities with definite periods of relief from early morning aircraft noise. The trial began on 5 Nov. 2012 and will run for five months.</p> <p>4 Dec. 2012 - Ryanair operators announce expansion plans from Edinburgh and Glasgow Prestwick Airports</p> <p>4 Dec. 2012 - HS2 link to Heathrow would throw away 70p in every pound spent – Stop HS2</p> <p>5 Dec. 2012 - Budget airline Wizz Air bosses sign a new five-year deal for flights in and out of Doncaster’s Robin Hood Airport</p> <p>5 Dec. 2012 - Councils should sell Newcastle Airport stake to save jobs and services Conservative councillors have advised seven local authorities in the North-East to get out of the airport business and offload their shares. The councils between them, including Northumberland and Newcastle, own a 51% stake in the airport, but have also had to spend £68m to help refinance its debts.</p> <p>6 Dec. 2012 - Edinburgh airport unveils rebrand following its sale to Global Infrastructure Partners</p> <p>6 Dec. 2012 - Investment agency claims new link between Leeds-Bradford and Heathrow Airport is ‘worth £10m a year’</p>	<p>2 Dec. 2012 - Delta bids for Singapore Airlines’ 49% stake in Virgin Atlantic Sir Richard Branson could sell his controlling stake in Virgin Atlantic after rival Delta Airlines made a bid for nearly half the business. Delta, the biggest US airline, is understood to have offered to buy Singapore Airlines’ 49% stake in Virgin Atlantic which could, in turn, lead to a bid to take a majority stake away from Sir Branson.</p> <p>Virgin Atlantic chief executive Steve Ridgway has stated that Sir Richard Branson is unlikely to relinquish control of the airline.</p> <tr><th data-bbox="1122 539 2175 571">Consultations</th><td data-bbox="1122 571 2175 818"><p>5 Dec. 2012 - Public Exhibitions of London City Airport’s Development Programme London City Airport is holding a series of public exhibitions to consult its neighbours and the wider community about major improvement plans at the airport.</p><p>The City Airport Development Programme (CADP) aims to improve the way the existing runway and terminal building is used and will accommodate next generation aircraft that are larger, quieter and more environmentally friendly.</p></td></tr> <tr><th data-bbox="1122 818 2175 850">Events</th><td data-bbox="1122 850 2175 1278"><p>Please click on the Bulletins page of the SASIG website for the complete list of events.</p><p>The latest short courses to be added are:</p><p>30 Jan.- 1 Feb. 2013 – Introduction to Air Transport: Economics & Planning – £895</p><p>18-20 Feb. 2013 – Airport Economics & Finance Symposium – £895</p><p>18-20 Mar. 2013 – Airport Policy, Planning & Strategy: Meeting Future Needs – £895</p><p>18-21 June 2013 – Air Transport Marketing: Practical Techniques & Strategies - £1095</p><p>All of the above short courses are run by the University of Westminster.</p></td></tr>	Consultations	<p>5 Dec. 2012 - Public Exhibitions of London City Airport’s Development Programme London City Airport is holding a series of public exhibitions to consult its neighbours and the wider community about major improvement plans at the airport.</p> <p>The City Airport Development Programme (CADP) aims to improve the way the existing runway and terminal building is used and will accommodate next generation aircraft that are larger, quieter and more environmentally friendly.</p>	Events	<p>Please click on the Bulletins page of the SASIG website for the complete list of events.</p> <p>The latest short courses to be added are:</p> <p>30 Jan.- 1 Feb. 2013 – Introduction to Air Transport: Economics & Planning – £895</p> <p>18-20 Feb. 2013 – Airport Economics & Finance Symposium – £895</p> <p>18-20 Mar. 2013 – Airport Policy, Planning & Strategy: Meeting Future Needs – £895</p> <p>18-21 June 2013 – Air Transport Marketing: Practical Techniques & Strategies - £1095</p> <p>All of the above short courses are run by the University of Westminster.</p>
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 European News |

7 Dec. 2012 - [Airport Operators Association calls for ‘unashamedly pro-aviation policies’ from European governments to ward off “unprecedented competition” from emerging rivals in the Middle East and Asia](#)

 SASIG 2012/13 Meeting Dates |

The next SASIG meeting will be on:

- Friday 1 March 2013, 11.00am – 1.00pm

Meetings are held at Local Government House, Smith Square, SW1P 3HZ, with lunch provided afterwards; [location map](#).