

### Regional News

20 Nov. 2012 - [Virgin Atlantic given financial penalty for the repeated misuse of slot allocation between 30 July 2012 and 10 September 2012 at Heathrow Airport](#)

7 Dec. 2012 - [Gatwick Airport bosses have pledged to listen to the people of West Kent and East Sussex's concerns about aircraft noise by holding a "noise seminar"](#)

10 Dec. 2012 - [Rochester Airport plan to pave part of a grass airfield and close a runway would 'create 1,000 jobs' through a hi-tech business park](#)  
Medway council, who owns the airport, will also tender a new 25-year lease for the airport, compared to the current five-year lease.

11 Dec. 2012 - [Plans for a £650mn business park at Manchester Airport have been submitted](#)

11 Dec. 2012 - [Airline to start new flights between Kent Airport and Amsterdam Schiphol Airport from April 2013](#)

11 Dec. 2012 - [Southend Airport dismissed 1,500 complaints](#)  
The airport's operators have received 1,5000 complaints since its runway extension but claim none of the complaints it received were upheld as they did not reveal a breach of controls on flights.

11 Dec. 2012 - [Heathrow flight path noise pollution levels could fall by as much as 25% through plans to bring aircraft in to land at a steeper angle](#)

12 Dec. 2012 - [Pakistan International Airline operators have been asked to give a formal commitment to introduce quieter planes by Leeds City Council following its breach of night-time flying rules at Leeds-Bradford Airport](#)

14 Dec. 2012 - [Residents near Luton Airport to benefit from a community funding programme](#)  
The programme, which is expected to be worth at least £14mn, is made up of a community fund for Luton organisations, a near-neighbour fund for those outside Luton but around the airport, an enterprise fund for small Luton businesses and a donation fund for partner organisations chosen by the London Luton Airport Ltd. board.

14 Dec. 2012 - [Mystery bidder has come forward to buy Sheffield's mothballed airport](#)

### Regional News Continued

15 Dec. 2012 - [International Airlines Group operators sign a non-binding accord with Ryanair for Heathrow Airport landing slots](#)  
The agreement to buy landing slots at Heathrow airport from Ryanair is part of the airline's takeover bid for Aer Lingus.

### Industry News

11 Dec. 2012 - [Delta Air Line bosses have agreed a deal to buy Singapore Airlines' 49% stake in Virgin Atlantic for £224mn](#)  
Virgin Group and Sir Richard Branson will retain their 51% shareholding, and the Virgin brand will remain in place. The deal is subject to regulatory approval in the US and Europe.

### Media

9 Dec. 2012 - [The Big Interview: Tom Denton, Head of corporate responsibility at Gatwick discusses expansion, carbon emissions and sustainability](#)

12 Dec. 2012 - [Birmingham Airport operators release promotional video on airport expansion](#)

### Events

Please click on the [Bulletins page](#) of the SASIG website for the complete list of events.

The latest events to be added are:

Dods '[Westminster Explained](#)' courses on effective communication across government and the public sector.

15-17 April 2013 - [ACI Europe's Regional Airports Conference](#) - Lyon, France

### European News

7 Dec. 2012 - [European Union antitrust regulators have given Ryanair until 20 Dec. 2012 to offer more concessions before deciding whether to clear or block the budget airline's third takeover attempt for Aer Lingus](#)

### 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](#).