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Regional News	Industry News
17 Nov 2013 - <a href="#">Two of the North East's council leaders have given their support to a new long-term plan for Durham Tees Valley Airport, which could see land belonging to them sold for up to 400 houses at the site.</a>	18 Nov 2013 - <a href="#">Etihad Airways have established a European regional arm after taking a 33.3 per cent stake in Swiss carrier Darwin Airline. The carrier will rebrand its operations as Etihad Regional and align its network to connect passengers from secondary European markets onto the main networks of Etihad Airways.</a>
19 Nov 2013 - <a href="#">Croydon Council have endorsed proposals for building a second runway at Gatwick Airport.</a>	19 Nov 2013 - <a href="#">Easyjet have announced record profits with total revenue rising by 10.5 per cent to £4.26b for the financial year ending on September 30, 2013.</a>
19 Nov 2013 - <a href="#">A planning application to increase passenger capacity at Luton Airport will no longer be discussed at a meeting this week.</a>	19 Nov 2013 - <a href="#">Thomas Cook, Virgin Atlantic, TUI Travel and Deutsche Lufthansa have agreed to sell most of their stakes in National Air Traffic Services (Nats) to The Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS).</a>
21 Nov 2013 - <a href="#">Bristol Airport and easyJet have announced they have embarked on a new long-term agreement to work together.</a>	20 Nov 2013 - <a href="#">Manchester Airports Group has launched a new graduate scheme, with up to seven students a year to be offered jobs when they leave university.</a>
22 Nov 2013 - <a href="#">A new Luton Airport departure route is being planned to 'thread between villages' with the aim of reducing the number of people being overflowed.</a>	21 Nov 2013 - <a href="#">Emirates Airline has no immediate plans to launch a transpacific operation using fifth freedom rights, but might pick up the idea if the world economy recovers quicker, President Tim Clark told Aviation Week at the Dubai air show.</a>
22 Nov 2013 - <a href="#">Birmingham Airport is preparing to carry out trials of two options for proposed take off routes in the hope they will help bosses understand the actual impact of the proposed changes rather than theoretical modelling.</a>	21 Nov 2013 - <a href="#">Ryanair, will launch 12 new routes and increase frequencies on 17 services at London Stansted, as part of its 10-year growth agreement with operator, Manchester Airports Group.</a>
Media News	
16 Nov 2013 - <a href="#">A new global standard for management of aviation fuel quality has been published by Energy Institute and the Joint Inspection Group.</a>	
18 Nov 2013 - <a href="#">The campaign group Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) will take the case for its challenge against the legitimacy of Airports Commission to the High Court.</a>	
18 Nov 2013 - <a href="#">At the High Court in London, Mrs Justice Patterson said she will make a decision on the matter in writing at a later date.</a>	
18 Nov 2013 - <a href="#">A survey undertaken by Airbus has shown that passengers are increasingly researching seat comfort prior to booking long-haul flights and are prepared to pay extra for the best economy seating.</a>	
19 Nov 2013 - <a href="#">Greg Hands, Member of Parliament for Hammersmith and Fulham, has made public his plans to the Airports Commission on long-term capacity rejecting further expansion of Heathrow Airport.</a>	
19 Nov 2013 - <a href="#">Enterprise M3, Local Enterprise Partnership have released the first in a series of statements about the importance of Heathrow Airport to the UK economy.</a>	
21 Nov 2013 - <a href="#">A new report from London City Airport, 'Transforming East London Together', claims that investments have resulted in the centre of the capital moving east.</a>	

SASIG works for Local Authorities in a strategic manner on national aviation policy so as to reconcile economic, social and environmental issues. The following sources are also used in this bulletin: Air & Business Travel News, ACI Airports Council International, Aviation International, BAA Ltd, Environmental Data Services, International Air Transport Association, BBC, The Independent, The Standard, The Telegraph, Transportinfo, UK Parliament.