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 15 – 20 December 2013**

Regional News	Industry News
15 Dec 2013 - <a href="#">The Welsh Government's Permanent Secretary Derek Jones said that acquiring Cardiff Airport was the right thing to do.</a>	
16 Dec 2013 - <a href="#">The Government is being asked to protect North East airport connections to London. North East business leaders have urged The Prime Minister to choose an expansion of Heathrow Airport stating that the region relies on its link to the airport.</a>	18 Dec 2013 - <a href="#">The Civil Aviation Authority have begun a survey to look at disabled people's experience of air travel.</a>
17 Dec 2013 - <a href="#">According to the Chief Executive of Birmingham Airport, Paul Kehoe, more than 70 million passengers would use Birmingham Airport every year if it was to expand.</a>	
17 Dec 2013 - <a href="#">The aerospace firm Cobham is transferring its flight inspection services from Durham Tees Valley Airport to Bournemouth Airport.</a>	
17 Dec 2013 - <a href="#">New runways at Heathrow and Gatwick airports are among the options that have been short-listed by the Airports Commission for expanding UK airport capacity.</a>	<b>Media News</b>
17 Dec 2013 - <a href="#">Free parking for a short period is to be reintroduced at Newquay Airport. Vehicles could park for free for 15 minutes until a £1 charge was introduced in April 2013. The charge had previously been criticised.</a>	16 Dec 2013 - <a href="#">In a new report, 'De-politicising Airport Expansion', Kristian Niemietz of the Institute of Economic Affairs develops proposals for how to move the airport capacity debate out of the Government's hands.</a>
18 Dec 2013 - <a href="#">Twice weekly flights to New York and Dhaka will start from Birmingham Airport in spring 2014.</a>	18 Dec 2013 - <a href="#">A BBC News report into how the Airports Commission Interim Report has divided opinion, and speaking to BBC Breakfast, Sir Howard Davies explains the pros and cons of the options the Commission shortlisted.</a>
19 Dec 2013 - <a href="#">A delayed decision on the expansion of Luton Airport is expected to be made at a meeting on Friday 20 Dec. The Development Control Committee has been recommended to approve the application to increase passenger capacity from 12 million to 18 million a year.</a>	18 Dec 2013 - <a href="#">Campaign for Better Transport, Cubic Transportation Systems, Telefónica and Thales have formed a Smarter Travel Forum to explore how the transport sector can work together to promote the use of emerging smart technology, such as real time information, smartcards and data collection.</a>
19 Dec 2013 - <a href="#">Business Secretary Vince Cable has told BBC Radio 4's Today some 'more balance' was needed in the UK economy across the entire country.</a>	19 Dec 2013 - <a href="#">Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg has indicated that he may be prepared to drop his party's opposition to the expansion of airport capacity in the south east of England.</a>
19 Dec 2013 - <a href="#">The Secretary of State for Transport, Patrick McLoughlin is to discuss improving transport routes to Leeds-Bradford Airport.</a>	
19 Dec 2013 - <a href="#">Cornwall MP Stephen Gilbert is calling upon the Government to guarantee funding to protect the Newquay to Gatwick air link.</a>	