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Regional News	Industry News
14 Apr 2014 - Campaign group 'The Shoreham Society' have said they are increasingly concerned about a 'lack of clarity' surrounding the long-term future of Shoreham Airport.	15 Apr 2014 - Manchester Airports Group (MAG) has raised £360m by targeting the bond market for the second time this year.
14 Apr 2014 - Manchester Airport is extending the opening hours of its second runway to cope with increased passenger demand.	16 Apr 2014 - Airlines have increased fares to the Caribbean just three weeks after Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne announced Air Passenger Duty (APD) on flights to the islands would be reduced from next April.
15 Apr 2014 - London City Airport have said that they plan to continue with development in the face of calls for it to be closed.	16 Apr 2014 - British Airways and green fuels specialist Solena Fuels have announced that they will begin work on a GreenSky facility at the Thames Enterprise Park on part of the site of the former Coryton oil refinery in Thurrock, Essex.
15 Apr 2014 - Replacing the radar system at Norwich International Airport - which airport executive say is necessary to stop cars on the Norwich Northern Distributor Road from interfering with air traffic control - is to cost up to half a million pounds more than originally thought.	17 Apr 2014 - A new report by the consultancy Frontier Economics says £300 could be cut from a return air fare by 2030 if Heathrow Airport were to add a third runway. The full report is available here.
16 Apr 2014 - A private taxi hire firm claims its future could be in jeopardy following a decision by bosses at Leeds Bradford Airport to stop a scheme which allowed drivers access to the pick-up point outside the main terminal, without having to pay the usual fee.	19 Apr 2014 - Gordon Dewar, the Chief Executive of Edinburgh Airport has said that European State Aid for Airports is 'distorting' competition, adding that every airport in Europe needs to be able to 'stand on its own two feet'.
15 Apr 2014 - The Christchurch and East Dorset Core Strategy has been adopted this week.	
16 Apr 2014 - The UK-based airline, The LinksAir flights, has launched a new air link service between the Isle of Man and South Yorkshire.	
16 Apr 2014 - Sir Roger Gale MP for North Thanet says he now accepts that Manston Airport's financial results have been disappointing after being show figures by the current owner. 17 Apr 2014 - Sir Roger has said that he fears the Kent airport has 'two weeks' to find a buyer for the site.	
16 Apr 2014 - A majority of people questioned at a consultation on a possible second runway at Gatwick Airport have voiced their opposition at Ifield Community College.	
17 Apr 2014 - The owners of Durham Tees Valley Airport have published the final draft of a strategy which aims to secure the airport's long-term future.	
17 Apr 2014 - Luton Borough Councillor Dave Taylor has said that the passenger figures for the town's busway (an eight-mile (13.4km) mainly guided route along a stretch of old railway line from Luton to Dunstable) were 'very encouraging', even though the figures were lower than forecast.	
	Media News
	14 Apr 2014 - Global Travel Industry provider Travelport claims it has found a new trend among business travellers for 'flying visits', where they are spending longer in the air than at the destination.
	16 Apr 2014 - The Rail Union RMT, has announced that staff have voted by 'huge majorities' across Heathrow Express for industrial action in response to a package of cuts on their 'pay, jobs and safety'
	16 April 2014 - The rail operator Abellio Greater Anglia has won a Government franchise to provide more services between the Stansted Airport and Cambridge.

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The following sources are also used in this bulletin: Air & Business Travel News, ACI Airports Council International, Aviation International, BAA Ltd, DeHavilland, Environmental Data Services, International Air Transport Association, BBC, The Independent, The Standard, The Telegraph, Transportinfo, UK Parliament.