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### Local Authorities & Aviation, Regional and Industry News,

Regional News	Industry News
4 Apr 2014 - <a href="#">Conservative Member of Parliament for Maidenhead, Theresa May has met the Chairman of the Airports Commission, Sir Howard Davies, to discuss the future of Heathrow Airport, the impact of proposed expansion, and the implications on her constituency.</a>	7 Apr 2014 - <a href="#">The airline operator Ryanair has begun its new partnership with Travelport, a distribution services and e-commerce provider for the global travel industry.</a>
7 Apr 2014 - <a href="#">Bradford Council leader David Green, has dismissed the idea that Leeds- Bradford International Airport should be relocated as 'fanciful'.</a>	8 Apr 2014 - <a href="#">A partnership of between the professional services firm WSP and the construction management organisation, Parsons Brinckerhoff, has been appointed by the Department for Transport to examine options for improving connectivity to Leeds Bradford International Airport (LBA).</a>
7 Apr 2014 - <a href="#">Developers say Manston Airport is a suitable site for housing development as uncertainty remains over its future.</a> 9 Apr 2014 - <a href="#">The Dutch airline operator KLM have confirmed it would not return to Manston Airport, even if the site was to remain open.</a> A spokesperson for the airline said it was 'game over' for its operations there as it prepared for its last flight on 9 April 2014. (Link contains video footage). 10 Apr 2014 - <a href="#">The consultation period over the future of a Kent airport has been extended, the Unite union has said.</a> Up to 150 mostly part-time jobs were put at risk last month when loss-making Manston Airport revealed it was in talks over a possible closure. No reason has been given for the extension. 12 Apr 2014 - <a href="#">Newmarket Holidays, a tour operator which runs charter flights to Verona and Naples from Manston Airport, said it would move its Kent departures from Manston to Lydd Airport from June.</a>	9 Apr 2014 - <a href="#">A new report by the New Economics Foundation (NEF) argues the case for closing London's City Airport and redeveloping the site to create jobs, grow local business and build new homes.</a>
8 Apr 2014 - <a href="#">Southend Airport in Essex expects to carry two million passengers by 2015 - five years earlier than originally planned.</a>	10 Apr 2014 - <a href="#">London City Airport has responded to a report arguing that the airport should be closed and the site redeveloped. A spokeswoman for the airport said it provided London's 'only direct route to the capital's business, financial and political centres, facilitating inward investment and economic growth'.</a>
8 Apr 2014 - <a href="#">Gatwick Airport has launched its public consultation on proposals for a second runway with what a spokesperson described as 'the biggest yet' for one of its exhibitions attending the first date.</a>	11 Apr 2014 - <a href="#">Ireland has stopped its air travel tax in order to take advantage of high rates of Air Passenger Duty (APD) in the UK, the Irish Transport Minister revealed.</a>
8 Apr 2014 - <a href="#">An inquiry into plans for a business park scheme on greenbelt land near Coventry Airport is under way.</a>	<b>Media News</b>
9 Apr 2014 - <a href="#">Rail operator Abellio Greater Anglia is working on improvements to Stansted Railway station by improving the levels of lighting to brighten the platforms and waiting areas, which do not currently benefit from natural light.</a>	4 Apr 2014 - <a href="#">The consultation published by Gatwick Airport today is described by the Campaign Group Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign (GACC) as 'plush but bogus'.</a>
10 Apr 2014 - <a href="#">Birmingham Airport have announced that it will commence a six month airspace change trial starting on the 1 May 2014 to support its existing Airspace Change Process.</a>	7 Apr 2014 - <a href="#">Chief Executive of the International Air Transport Association, Mr Tony Tyler has criticised the Government's recent changes to Air Passenger Duty (APD).</a>
10 Apr 2014 - <a href="#">Cathay Pacific Airways has announced the launch of a four-times-weekly service between Manchester and Hong Kong starting from 8 December 2014.</a>	11 Apr 2014 - <a href="#">A documentary concerned with the running of Edinburgh Airport, entitled 'Inside Edinburgh Airport' will begin on the BBC next week.</a>
10 Apr 2014 - <a href="#">Three judges have dismissed Dunsfold Park Ltd's appeal against a High Court ruling rejecting its claims that both Waverley Borough Council and a planning inspector were wrong to refuse it a certificate of lawful use officially recognising that use of the site for planes should be unrestricted.</a>	
11 Apr 2014 - <a href="#">For the next seven months most of Heathrow's night flights will land on the southern runway while the northern landing strip is being resurfaced.</a>	
11 Apr 2014 - <a href="#">Newcastle International Airport, UK, has announced the next phase of development of its departure lounge, with a total investment of over £14 million.</a>	
13 Apr 2014 - <a href="#">Pakistan International Airlines are reported to be pulling out of Leeds Bradford Airport, leaving the area without any direct flights to South East Asia.</a>	

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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.