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Regional News	Industry News
11 August 2014 - The Chief Operating Officer of Manchester Airports Group, Andrew Cowan has said that Manchester Airport has been working hard to attract airlines and destinations to the north west of England, to help grow local economies.	8 August 2014 - A temporary airspace restriction will be put in place around a forthcoming NATO Summit in Newport, South Wales, the UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) has announced. The restriction, in place from 3 – 5 September 2014, will cover a broad area from Bristol in the east, to Bridgend in the west, and from Crickhowell in the north, to the Somerset coast in the south.
12 August 2014 - The resident's group Stanwell Moor Residents Association are aiming to contest Heathrow Airport's plans for an incinerator and car park in the area.	11 August 2014 - Heathrow and Gatwick Airports are both claiming that record passenger numbers in July show they should be allowed to expand at the expense of the other.
12 August 2014 - Robin Hood Doncaster Sheffield Airport have announced an increase in the demand for routes to Eastern Europe.	12 August 2014 - Stansted Airport and Visit East Anglia have announced details of a joint initiative 'The Stansted Tourism Forum' that brings together tourism representatives from across the region in a partnership to help increase inward leisure and business travel opportunities.
12 August 2014 - Plans to operate commercial flights to major UK cities from Hawarden Airport in Flintshire have been dropped.	12 August 2014 - Norwich Airport has introduced Aviramp's aircraft boarding ramps, self-contained mobile passenger boarding system designed to provide access for passengers with reduced mobility.
12 August 2014 - People living near Stansted Airport have a further three weeks to make their views heard on planned changes to its flight paths.	14 August 2014 - The British Chambers of Commerce and Heathrow Airport have organised a series of events across the country to hear business opinion on the aviation capacity debate.
12 August 2014 - Bristol Airport has announced next phase of development at the site - this includes a new central walkway which houses four pre-boarding zones serving six departure gates and has been designed to take into account the latest generation of twin-engine, wide-body jets.	15 August 2014 - NATS has published an update of progress against its 3Di performance metric.
13 August 2014 - The campaign group, Taxpayers' Alliance has called on Thanet Council to end any purchase of Manston Airport because they believe it would not represent value for money to 'local taxpayers'.	15 August 2014 - East Midlands Airport saw annual earnings rise by 26 per cent to £16.4 million in its last financial year.
14 August 2014 - Development work to expand and upgrade Luton Airport is set to start in early 2015.	
Gatwick Airport	Monarch Airlines
11 August 2014 - Train services between Gatwick Airport and London Victoria have been disrupted by emergency safety checks near Battersea Park.	11 August 2014 - All parts of the airline operator Monarch's operations are being subjected to a strategic review, which is expected to lead to significant changes in the ownership structure. The company have confirmed that it is reviewing 'all areas of the business from operations to ownership and financing'. 14 August 2014 - Monarch Airlines has also confirmed that it will end all charter flying at the end of the winter and operate only scheduled flights from next April. A spokeswoman said some existing charters might be cut while others will switch to scheduled services. 17 August 2014 - The Sunday Times has reported that 1,000 jobs could be at risk at the airline operator Monarch, while it undergoes restructuring. The airline is reported to be on target to lose up to £60m this year.
11 August 2014 - The campaign group, Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign (GACC), has accused the airport of not fully representing what it called 'embarrassing' results from a local consultation about potential expansion at the site.	
13 August 2014 - Campaigners in Kent, Surrey and Sussex, who are contesting plans for new flight paths into Gatwick Airport, claim a public consultation into the plans, which closes on Thursday, is 'flawed'.	
15 August 2014 - Member of Parliament for Horsham, Francis Maude has written about complaints he has received from residents being overflowed by aircraft taking off and landing at Gatwick Airport. 17 August 2014 - Member of Parliament for Mole Valley, Sir Paul Beresford, has also added his voice to concerns over the flight path changes at Gatwick.	
Media News	
11 August 2014 - The campaign group, Let Britain Fly has released a series of video conversations with 'senior business leaders' about why they believe expanding airports in the south east of England is 'fundamental to the future success and growth of businesses and the UK economy' - the video conversations are available here.	
12 August 2014 - The coach company National Express has announced that it is adding new services to and from Heathrow Airport equating to over 100,000 extra seats per year.	

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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.