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Regional News	Industry News
26 August 2014 - A disagreement among supporters trying to save Manston as an airport has led to a rival campaign group being set up.	26 August 2014 - Manchester Airport Group and the air traffic control provider NATS, have signed an agreement confirming a ten-year contract for air traffic control and engineering services at both Manchester and London Stansted airports. NATS will commence the new contract on 1 April 2015.
26 August 2014 - The airline operator British Airways has insisted it is committed to Leeds Bradford Airport despite temporarily reducing its flights to London Heathrow.	27 August 2014 - The airline operator Ryanair are launching a new tier of tickets aimed at business travellers.
26 August 2014 - Essex County Council have said that they are 'broadly supportive' of flight path changes from Stansted Airport.	29 August 2014 - The UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) has announced that licensed aerodromes will be free to introduce pilot controlled lighting systems.
27 August 2014 - London City Airport is to launch a public consultation on plans to alter flight paths by using a new navigation system.	29 August 2014 - The Icelandic Meteorological Office has lowered its aviation warning from red to orange.
28 August 2014 - Gatwick Airport are arguing that the expansion at the site could be pivotal for the UK's science and technology sector.	
29 August 2014 - The Chief Executive of Heathrow Airport Mr John Holland-Kaye has published an open letter calling on the Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, to support expansion at the airport should he become MP for Uxbridge.	
29 August 2014 - MP for Arundel and South Downs, Nick Herbert has written about having 'received numerous complaints from constituents in Kirdford, Wisborough Green, West Grinstead and other villages about noise from low flying aircraft from Gatwick'.	
29 August 2014 - The company which owns Exeter Airport, The Rigby Group has announced the acquisition of Exeter-based Capital Air Charter Limited. However The Rigby Group have ended their plans for opening a heliport at Plymouth Airport.	
29 August 2014 - Work has started on a £400,000 project to expand and redevelop the Security Search Area at Exeter Airport.	
30 August 2014 - Farnborough Airport has released a feedback report following a consultation on plans to change airspace. The full report is available here .	
Media News	
26 August 2014 - Transport for London have submitted a report entitled 'Gateway to our future' to the Airports Commission - it argues how a new airport in the Thames Estuary would support 336,000 jobs around the country in 2050, compared to 269,000 at Heathrow or 62,000 at Gatwick if either had an additional runway.	

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