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Regional News	Industry News
15 September 2014 - Campaigners concerned by aircraft noise over Tunbridge Wells will have an opportunity to meet Kent County Council's lead member for aviation.	15 September 2014 - The Chief Executive of Ryanair Michael O'Leary says he would like to see the airline operating transatlantic flights within the next 5-10 years.
16 September 2014 - Stanwell residents have attended a public exhibition run by representatives of Heathrow Airport	15 September 2014 - The Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne has confirmed the authorisation of a new direct flight from Manchester Airport to Beijing by China Hainan Airlines.
17 September 2014 - More than 1,900 people have signed an online petition calling for an end to easterly departure routes trial at Heathrow Airport. While more than 4,000 people living in Ascot, Bracknell and Sunningdale, in Berkshire, have signed a petition complaining about new routes from the FAS trials. The Bagshot Society, a group of residents in West Surrey, have complained about the unacceptable levels of noise pollution in the area as a result of the trials. Also Bracknell Forest Councillor Marc Brunel-Walker put forward a motion to ensure the borough's residents views are considered by the airport. The Trials are intended to continue until January 26, 2015.	15 September 2014 - The campaign group Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) has claimed that proposed changes to the airport's departure routes will not give 'any net benefit for local residents in terms of reducing the overall noise impact'.
17 September 2014 - Guernsey Deputy Minister Jan Kuttelwascher believes that the island's current runway is too short and a 'hurdle to tourism'.	19 September 2014 - Chief Information Officer at Heathrow Airport Neil Clark has pledged that the airport would add 40 new routes to international markets, helping businesses throughout the UK connect to rapidly growing emerging economies in Asia, Latin America and North America.
17 September 2014 - Stephen de Nardo of US investment firm RiverOak has spoken of his continued interest in buying and operating Manston Airport.	21 September 2014 - Birmingham Airport has announced the completion of a new purpose-built transit and transfer facility, providing passengers with the UK's fastest and most efficient option for onward connecting flights.
18 September 2015 - Residents of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead are being advised to attend public consultation events to hear Heathrow Airport's plans for noise compensation should it gain approval for a third runway.	21 September 2014 - The three major alliances of airline operators - Oneworld, SkyTeam and Star Alliance have said that they would not move from Heathrow Airport if Gatwick were to expand.
18 September 2014 - Member of Parliament for Welwyn Hatfield and Minister without portfolio Grant Shapps has visited Manston Airport to meet supporters and the leader of Thanet District Council.	
18 September 2014 - Durham Tees Valley Airport has upgraded its facilities with the opening of new passenger services at the site.	
18 September 2014 - On Tuesday 11th November London Luton Airport will be holding its third 'Meet the Buyer' event - aimed at giving local suppliers the opportunity to showcase their services and providing businesses with access to the airport supply chain.	
19 September 2014 - Planning and Corporate Affairs Director at Newcastle Airport Graeme Mason said that giving Scotland the power to cut Air Passenger Duty could take business out of airports in the North East of England.	
20 September 2014 - The Leader of Braintree Council Councillor Graham Butland has asked air traffic authorities to adjust the route of a flight path from Stansted Airport.	
Media News	
16 September 2014 - Heathrow Airport has set out a series of pledges for how it says expansion would deliver jobs, skills and economic growth.	
17 September 2014 - A poll commissioned by the Association of British Travel Agents shows an increase in the proportion of people agreeing with the statement 'more airport capacity is needed' since the same time last year.	
17 September 2014 - Gatwick Airport Director of Corporate Affairs and Sustainability Charles Kirwan-Taylor and Non-Executive Director David McMillan outlined to London Assembly members how they believe a second runway at the site would deliver the airport capacity the UK requires while also meeting the future growth and development needs of London. The briefing session came as Gatwick Airport released a new report, 'Connecting London and the South East to the Future, Faster'.	
17 September 2014 - According to a new YouGov poll three separate groups - London residents and people living near Heathrow and Gatwick Airports, said they favour building a new runway at Gatwick rather than Heathrow.	

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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.