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### Local Authorities & Aviation, Regional and Industry News, 24 November - 30 November

#### Regional News

- 24 November 2014 - [A survey in the Horley area of Surrey has found that the majority of the town's residents are against expansion at Gatwick Airport.](#)
- 24 November 2014 - [Changes in Gatwick flight paths have prompted Kent County Council to withdraw its support for a second runway at the West Sussex airport.](#)
- 24 November 2014 - [Fleetwood town Councillor Jack Harrison is asking for Wyre Council to work with Blackpool and Fylde councils to re open Blackpool Airport.](#)
- 24 November 2014 - [The Newquay Cornwall Airport Masterplan is being reviewed to consider the changes in the aviation environment over the last 5 years; how the Airport can be developed to help grow Cornwall's economy and how it can be more commercially and environmentally self-sustaining.](#)
- 26 November 2014 - [Newcastle International Airport is the first airport in the UK to achieve Category III status for the use of forward scatter meter runway visual range equipment.](#)
- 26 November 2014 - [Uttlesford District Council has dismissed Stansted Airport's draft Sustainable Development Plan as lacking in detail. Stansted Parish Council has also criticised the plan.](#)
- 26 November 2014 - [The Leader of Croydon Council, Councillor Tony Newman has signed a 'memorandum of understanding' with Chief Executive of Gatwick Airport Stewart Wingate to support a second runway at the site.](#)
- 27 November 2014 - [The airline operator Flybe has signed a new codeshare agreement with airline operator Aer Lingus for flights from Southampton Airport to the United States.](#)
- 27 November 2014 - [Member of Parliament for Spelthorne Kwasi Kwarteng said he had always been 'blatantly' in favour of expanding at Heathrow Airport due to the economic benefits.](#)
- 27 November 2014 - [Chief Executive of Newcastle International Airport David Laws is lobbying the Government to protect it from a possible cut to Air Passenger Duty in Scotland following the recommendations of the Smith Commission. The Commission report has recommended that the Scottish Parliament be given the power to alter Airport Passenger Duty locally. Mr Laws has said that passenger numbers and jobs at Newcastle Airport would be threatened as a result.](#)
- 27 November 2014 - [Member of Parliament for Windsor Adam Afriyie has written saying that he is 'concerned about the volume of letters and emails from constituents' complaining about aviation noise, since the end of the trial period at Heathrow Airport.](#)
- 28 November 2014 - [At a public meeting in Putney Heathrow Airport's Sustainability Director Matt Gorman defended the airport's claims about the numbers of people who would be affected by aviation noise should they be given permission to expand.](#)
- 30 November 2014 - [Member of Parliament for Arundel and South Downs Nick Herbert, has written about a meeting with the Chief Executive of Gatwick Airport Stewart Wingate, stating his displeasure with the routes adopted during the recent airspace trials at the airport](#)

#### Industry News

- 24 November 2014 - [French airline operator La Compagnie running all-business class transatlantic flights is reported to be seeking rights to fly from Gatwick.](#)
- 24 November 2014 - [The UK Civil Aviation Authority \(CAA\) and the Airport Operators Association \(AOA\) have developed a set of key principles and recommended practices to help airports check they have the right type of procedures and plans in place to deal with disruption, and provide useful suggestions and reassurance as to how airports can plan ahead.](#)
- 24 November 2014 - [London City Airport recorded its busiest ever week in November 2014](#)

#### Media News

- 24 November 2014 - [The campaign group 'A Fair Tax on Flying' have launched a campaign to get the Government to abolish Air Passenger Duty on children's air tickets.](#)
- 24 November 2014 - [Campaign group Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign \(GACC\) and the Campaign Against Gatwick Noise Emissions \(CAGNE\) have raised new concerns about flight paths changes at the airport which could affect residents near Haywards Heath.](#)
- 24 November 2014 - [The group behind the Heathrow Airport Northern Extension scheme, short-listed by the Airports Commission, Heathrow Hub, have launched an advertising campaign, which will be rolled out progressively in national and online press during the Commission's 12 week consultation period.](#)
- 26 November 2014 - [Chairman of the Campaign Against Gatwick Airport Noise Sally Pavey and members of the campaign group Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign have met with a coalition of 140 campaign groups from across Europe.](#)
- 27 November 2014 - [The Shadow Chancellor, Transport Secretary and Business Secretary, Ed Balls, Michael Dugher and Chuka Umunna have written to the Chancellor, Secretary of State for Transport and Secretary of State for Business following the conclusion of the Smith Commission on Scottish Devolution.](#)

SASIG works for Local Authorities in a strategic manner on national aviation policy so as to reconcile economic, social and environmental issues.

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.