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SASIG's Aviation news and policy bulletin aims to provide its members and associate members, with a comprehensive overview of what has been happening in Parliament and Whitehall as well as in the sector itself in the preceding month.

Monthly Highlights

- **1 September -** CAA published CAP 3129 - Onboarding Process for the UK Airspace Design Service (UKADS) Provider for the London TMA Region.
- **5 September** - UK's smaller airports winning over customers for passenger experience, according to survey by Which? Exeter came top, followed by Liverpool and London City.
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- **14 September** - Government planning to scrap passenger cap at Dublin Airport.
- **20 September** - A cyber-attack causes flight delays at Heathrow and several European airports, with problems lasting for hours on end.
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- **22 September** - Gatwick plans extra 100,000 flights a year with second runway go-ahead.
- **25 September** – CAA launches consultation on Airspace Modernisation (CAP1616).
- **29th September** - Over £4m in funding awarded to British businesses developing next-generation aviation technology.

Potential Actions for LAs

- Airspace modernisation consultation is important for LA's with airports close by but will also be used where airspace changes are needed for drones and e-VTOL.

SASIG Activities

- CAG Meeting held.
- Policy Director attended ANEG meeting and CAA Environmental Industry Panel meeting.

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Editorial

The 'big' news on the UK aviation scene in September came on 21st when the Transport Secretary approved Gatwick Airport's plan to bring its northern runway into regular use. This followed a year-long examination under the Planning Act 2008 and the cost will be around £2.2bn. The project is forecast to increase Gatwick's annual passenger capacity from 46 million in 2019 (43mppa in 2024) to 75.6 million by 2038. However, the latter figure includes some heroic assumptions about the movements achievable of the runway and average aircraft size. A more realistic figure is 61-63mppa based on the current traffic mix rising to 65-67mppa with some upsizing of aircraft.

In other positive news, South Yorkshire's Mayor and council leaders committed to reopen Doncaster Sheffield Airport, approving a £160m funding package. The decision was made at a meeting of the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Board, held on 9 September and all five board members voted unanimously in favour of the funding, paving the way for the airport's reopening.

The CAA was also busy in September: on 1st they published CAP 3129 - Onboarding Process for the UK Airspace Design Service (UKADS) Provider for the London TMA Region. This 'onboarding process' sets out how existing airspace change proposals (ACPs) within the London cluster will be transferred to enable the UKADS provider to sponsor a London TMA Region Single ACP. Much later in the month (25th) they published their formal consultation (CAP1616) setting out their proposals to modify the airspace change process. This is an important one for SASIG and we will be responding.

Of course, it would be an atypical month if the global or UK industry were to be completely trouble-free! In September this came on 20th in the form of a cyber-attack which caused flight delays at Heathrow and several European airports, with problems lasting for hours on end. Airports in London and elsewhere, warned passengers that their flights might be delayed due to technical issues in check-in and boarding systems. The software provider, Collins Airspace, was suffering a technical issue for "departing passengers", according to a statement by Heathrow Airport.

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Events, Meetings and Conferences

SASIG Meetings

(To note: resulting from the impact of the pandemic, SASIG meetings are still mostly being held virtually. It is therefore advised to always check with the Secretariat first before making any travel arrangements).

2025

Chairman's Advisory Group meeting (CAG)
(No more scheduled for this year)

SASIG Members' meeting:
Wednesday: 15 October 2025 (online: 10:00-2:00pm)

2026

Chairman's Advisory Group meeting (CAG): Next meeting will be scheduled for early 2026 – date to be advised.

SASIG Members' meeting: next meeting likely to be scheduled for February 2026 – date to be advised.

External Conferences: (please note: some date changes may always be possible).

7-9 October 2025: World Aviation Festival: Lisbon, Portugal
19-20 November 2025: International Airport Summit, Berlin
17-20 May 2026: Routes Europe, Rimini, Italy
20-24 July 2026: Farnborough Air Show, Farnborough

Consultations Update: Recent and current:

Recent:

EAC: Call for evidence: Airport Expansion v. Net Zero and Environmental Targets.

On 28 March the Environmental Audit Committee announced it was undertaking an inquiry on airport expansion and climate and nature targets. In this inquiry the Committee sought to:

- establish the climate and environmental targets which Ministers ought to ensure are met under its policy to support airport expansion;
- examine current projections for aviation demand, for aviation emissions and for the reduction of emissions and other negative environmental impacts, through technological developments and other means;

- ascertain what environmental and climate conditions the Government ought to establish for airport developments through the use of planning policy statements, and
- consider how Ministers should seek to maintain aviation's compliance with climate and environmental targets and what policy safeguards might be necessary to achieve this.

The call for evidence giving more information about this inquiry can be read here and was open until 24 April 2025.

Ongoing:

CAP1616: UK airspace Change Process consultation

On 25 September, the CAA launched their UK Airspace change process consultation. This document (CAP1616) is a formal consultation setting out the CAA's proposals to modify the airspace change process.

The consultation will run until 18 December 2025.

Parliamentary and Government News

16 September: CAA Annual Progress Report
The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport (Keir Mather) informed the House of a record of the work conducted by the CAA during the period of 1 January to 31 December 2024.

Transport Questions: House of Commons:

The House rose on 16 September for the Conference Recess and will return on 13 October.

3 September: Use of Drones in Defence
Of possible interest to our Drone Bureau members: the House was asked whether it had considered the use of drones in defence. See here for the lengthy debate.

11 September: Regional Transport Inequality
The House was asked whether it has considered regional transport inequality. The debate mostly concentrates on road and rail issues but still worth taking a look - see here.

Transport Questions: House of Lords

The House rose on 19 September for the Conference Recess and will return on 13 October.

There were no Transport Questions in the House this month.

Parliamentary Questions:

Q.1. Question (73905) asked by Helen Maguire (Epsom & Ewell) on 1 September 2025: "To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department plans to allow British National (Overseas) visa holders to use the same border control queues as UK citizens at UK airports.".
A. Mike Tapp on 9 September 2025: "There are no proposed changes to airport queuing arrangements for any cohorts, including British National (Overseas) passport holders, at the current time. However, queueing arrangements at the UK border, including the use of eGates, remain under constant review to prioritise security, maintain fluidity and ensure that we continue to run our border in the best interests of the UK whilst also taking into account capacity and availability of space at individual ports. The government is committed to improving our border security and the passenger experience by continuing to look at options to increase the usage of eGates by those currently eligible and explore innovative technologies to increase the use of automation at the UK border".

Q.2. Question (74692) asked by Blake Stephenson (Mid Bedfordshire) on 3 September 2025: "To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero on increasing sustainable aviation fuel production in the UK".
A. Keir Mather on 12 September 2025: "The Government is clear on the merits of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) and that increasing its use is a key measure to decarbonising aviation. We want the UK to capture its share of the global SAF market and are helping businesses in the UK play a leading role in SAF's development, production and use.
To that end we are building demand through the SAF Mandate introduced on 1 January. We are supporting the growth of UK SAF production through the Advanced Fuels Fund, under which £63 million has been allocated across 17 UK projects for this financial year. In addition, the SAF Bill, currently before the House, will deliver a SAF Revenue Certainty Mechanism that will help unlock investment in UK SAF production.
We will continue to work across government on increasing UK SAF production, including with the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ). We are similarly working with lead departments including the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) on policies to increase the uptake of SAF produced from waste. This includes SAF made from non-recyclable municipal solid waste, which has been backed through the Advanced Fuels Fund. We are also working with other government departments on waste feedstock availability, including through the Circular Economy taskforce".

Q.3. Question (74683) asked by Blake Stephenson (Mid Bedfordshire) on 3 September 2025: "To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing Sustainable Aviation Fuel production in the UK".
A. Keir Mather on 12 September 2025: See answer to Q. No. 74692 above.

Q.4. Question (74684) asked by Blake Stephenson (Mid Bedfordshire) on 3 September 2025: "To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to introduce incentives for British businesses that produce Sustainable Aviation Fuels".
A. Keir Mather on 12 September 2025: See answer to Q. Nos. 74692 and 74683 above.

Q.5. Question (75546) asked by Munira Wilson (Twickenham) on 5 September 2025: "To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when she will review the Airports National Policy Statement".
A. Simon Lightwood on 12 September 2025: "The Government published a letter to potential promoters inviting proposals for a third runway at Heathrow to be brought forward by the summer. The Government is now assessing the proposals against the criteria set out in the letter. Once this is complete the Government will move quickly to review the Airports National Policy Statement. We will update on the timings for the review as soon as possible. However, when conducting the review, the Secretary of State will comply with the requirements in the Planning Act 2008, including consultation, publicity and parliamentary requirements".

Q.6. Question (HL10310) asked by Baroness Pidgeon on 8 September 2025: "To ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they will make of the environmental impact of additional flights if Heathrow Airport is expanded, and whether they will publish that assessment".
A. Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill on 22 September 2025: "The government supports expansion at Heathrow Airport and has received proposals for a third runway at Heathrow. Once proposals have been reviewed, the government will review the Airports National Policy Statement (ANPS), which provides the basis for decision-making on granting development consent for a new runway at Heathrow. This will include expectations on environmental impacts of an expanded Heathrow, including the likes of carbon, noise and air pollution. The Planning Act 2008 requires that before amending the ANPS, the Secretary of State must carry out an Appraisal of Sustainability of the policy, which will be published alongside any amended ANPS".

Q.7. Question (HL10309) asked by Baroness Pidgeon on 8 September 2025: "To ask His Majesty's Government what criteria will be used in deciding whether to agree to the proposals for the expansion of Heathrow Airport, and whether they will publish those criteria.".
A. Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill on 22 September 2025: "The Government is currently assessing proposals for the delivery of a third runway at Heathrow Airport. On 30 June 2025, the Secretary of State for Transport published a letter online to potential promoters outlining the criteria against which any proposals would be considered, including stating how schemes must contribute to economic growth and be delivered in line with our legal, environmental and climate commitments.
The assessment of the proposals is being carried out to support the review of the Airports National Policy Statement (ANPS), which provides the basis for decision making on granting development consent for a new runway at Heathrow Airport. It will be for scheme promoters to decide when to submit any Development Consent Order (DCO) application for a third runway scheme depending on the outcome of the ANPS review. The Secretary of State will decide whether to grant consent for the DCO, in accordance with the Planning Act 2008".

Q.8. Question (76482) asked by Graham Leadbitter (Moray West, Nairn & Strathspey) on 10 September 2025: "To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to her

Department's policy paper entitled Airspace modernisation, published on 22 October 2024, whether her Department and the Civil Aviation Authority plan to deploy the Scottish cluster's airspace change proposal first".
A. Keir Mather on 15 September 2025: "The Government's priority is to deliver the benefits of airspace modernisation alongside the critical technology upgrades to the UK's air traffic control systems. The Department for Transport is working closely with Edinburgh and Glasgow airports, the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and NATS to ensure that the airports can continue to make progress with their Airspace Change Proposals in line with the CAA's airspace change process. The next stage in this process is for the airports to consult on their proposals".

Q.9. Question (HL10424) asked by Lord Swire on 10 September 2025: "To ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to encourage the greater use of regional airports across the United Kingdom".
A. Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill on 16 September 2025: "The UK aviation market operates predominantly in the private sector. Regional airports invest in their infrastructure to attract passengers and airlines, while airlines are well placed to deliver services to their customers by responding to demand for different routes. The Government continues to support vital connectivity to the regions through public service obligation routes whilst an expanded Heathrow could provide an opportunity to strengthen regional connectivity to the UK's hub airport".

The following questions were asked at the end of August but answered this month and therefore worth including here:

Question (73364) asked by Andrew Snowden (Fylde) on 29 August 2025: "To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has considered the potential merits of implementing mandatory infrastructure audits for airports to prevent service disruption due to (a) fires and (b) other infrastructure incidents".
A. Simon Lightwood on 8 September 2025: "UK aviation operates in the private sector. It is therefore the responsibility of industry to ensure appropriate contingency plans are in place to ensure safety and minimise potential disruption. My officials will continue to regularly engage with the CAA and industry to ensure the aviation sector remains safe and resilient".

Question (73367) asked by Andrew Snowden (Fylde) on 29 August 2025: "To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with the Civil Aviation Authority on the adequacy of fire safety infrastructure at airports".
A. Simon Lightwood on 8 September 2025: "UK aviation operates in the private sector. It is therefore the responsibility of industry to ensure appropriate contingency plans are in place to ensure safety and minimise potential disruption. My officials will continue to regularly engage with the CAA and industry to ensure the aviation sector remains safe and resilient".

Question (73552) asked by Zoe Franklin (Guildford) on 29 August 2025: "To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to introduce a ban on kerosene-powered private jets as part of the Government's net zero strategy".

A. Simon Lightwood on 8 September 2025: "The government has no plans to ban kerosene-powered private jets. The Chancellor announced changes to the Air Passenger Duty (APD) in the last Budget, which included a 13% increase in APD rates for 2026/27 and a further 50% increase for larger private and business jets. The government is committed to meeting our climate obligations to reach net zero by 2050 and will set out detail on plans for meeting legislated carbon budgets later this year".

Question (72097) asked by Ben Obese-Jecty (Huntingdon) on 29 August 2025: "To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has taken steps to update The Air Navigation Order 2016 to reflect advances in drone capability".
A. Simon Lightwood on 8 September 2025: "In 2023, the Department for Transport (DfT) commissioned the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) to review the UK drone Regulation which was undertaken through a public consultation. The CAA published its consultation reply on 8 May 2025. DfT is now updating the rules for drones to make them simpler, safer, and better suited to how they are used today and in the future. This includes updating the Air Navigation Order 2016".

National and Regional News

1st September – London Gatwick welcomes new CE, Pierre-Hugues Schmit. He was previously Chief Commercial/Operational Officer at VINCI Airports covering 70 airports world-wide.
1st September – Marhaba, the dnata-owned airport hospitality firm has launched its meet and greet service at Manchester Airport offering personalised support from kerb to gate.
1st September - London Gatwick's US flights have been cut by 32%, with Edinburgh Airport now having more.
1st September - CAA published CAP 3129 - Onboarding Process for the UK Airspace Design Service (UKADS) Provider for the London TMA Region.
2nd September - Hotel tycoon's Heathrow expansion plan is being partnered by Singapore's Changi airport. Arora Group and Heathrow's owners both recently submitted plans to the DfT for a 3rd runway at Heathrow.
2nd September - A meeting next week (9 September) will decide on whether to commit nearly £160m to support the re-opening of Doncaster Sheffield Airport. Details are here.
3rd September - Belfast International boss backs Ryanair's call to abolish APD 'to reverse economic failure'. APD on economy domestic flights is due to increase by £1 to £8 from April 2026, with the rate on longer economy flights (up to 2,000 miles) rising to £15.
3rd September - Growth and development on agenda for Leeds Bradford Airport as outlined by its CEO today and three months after the opening of its terminal extension.
3rd September - UK aviation leaders launch Airside Automation Group – see here for details.
4th September - Manchester Airport has embarked on project to modernize Terminal 3. The first phase of this transformation is set to open to the public in early 2026.
4th September - Leeds Bradford Airport expansion set to boost Yorkshire economy and international connectivity by 2030 – details are here.
5th September - Swissport has trebled its cargo handling capacity at East Midlands Airport with a move into larger on-site premises, following a doubling of volumes year-on-year.
5th September – The Air Charter Association hosted its 2025 internship training week in August. It was held at London Biggin Hill airport.

5th September - UK's smaller airports winning over customers for passenger experience, according to survey by Which? Exeter came top, followed by Liverpool and London City.
6th September - Leeds Bradford Airport might be getting a new route to Pakistan. Route would cater to the local diaspora both in Leeds and the surrounding area.
6th September - London Heathrow loses its 7th longest nonstop flight in November as Hainan Airlines discontinues its 6,000-mile service to Haikou Meilan International Airport.
7th September – Read article about Heathrow titled: 'The mega-hub that was already huge is now planning a £2.3 billion upgrade'.
7th September - Ministerial "dithering" and a hangover from HS2 mean Heathrow may never get a third runway, the boss of Dubai Airports has warned. Details are here.
8th September – 'Train to plane: Gen Z leads the way in sustainable travel to Gatwick' who say they're best-connected UK airport by rail, with direct services to more than 120 stations.
8th September - EasyJet to open new base at Newcastle Airport with 11 routes. New base is expected to support around 1,200 jobs, including 130 direct roles.
9th September - Heathrow Airport's terminal 4 reopens after hazardous material scare. Airport said the terminal was safe after emergency checks and resumed normal operations.
9th September - Air bp marks 30 years at London Biggin Hill airport.
9th September - Southampton marks five years of KLM serving its airport.
9th September - South Yorkshire's Mayor and council leaders decide to reopen Doncaster Sheffield Airport, approving a £160m funding package.
10th September - Ask snaps up prime airport-adjacent development site for £30m scheme.
11th September - Heathrow becomes the first European Airport to welcome over 8 million passengers in a single month. The record-breaking achievement came in August 2025.
11th September – See article about Doncaster Airport titled: 'Inside the abandoned UK airport set to reopen in 2027 - thanks to new £160 million funding'.
12th September - Delta Air Lines ended its seasonal service from JFK, New York to London Gatwick Airport on September 7, 2025. As of now, the airline has no plans to return in 2026.
14th September - AIR ONE successfully launched its first scheduled freighter service with the arrival of a Boeing 747-400F at East Midlands Airport from Hong Kong earlier this month.
15th September – 'Heathrow Outage: Why Grid Resilience Is No Longer a Theoretical Issue'.
16th September - Assisted Travel Lounge opens at London Luton Airport – see here.
16th September - Belfast City Airport could become first airport on island of Ireland to be directly connected by railway. Plans unveiled for a halt directly opposite existing terminal.
16th September - FedEx has launched a new 19,000 sq. ft purpose-built freight facility at East Midlands Airport, aiming to strengthen its UK and global network.
17th September - London City Airport boosts ski & sun options for winter with a new British Airways CityFlyer service to Madrid, operating 11 times weekly from 1 December.
17th September – Belfast City Airport publishes draft Master Plan 2040 and reveals plans that could make it the first airport on the island of Ireland to be connected by rail, as part of a major expansion proposal.
17th September - Bristol Airport seeks operator for new premium taxi service.
17th September - London Heathrow Airport colleagues and families back expansion as polling shows strong local community support. See details on this here.
18th September - London Stansted welcomed Air Force One as President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump arrived at the start of their second state visit to the UK.

19th September - Ministers yet to seek climate advice on Heathrow expansion. The Climate Change Committee said it would give a view on plans to build a 3rd runway at Heathrow if advice was requested.
19th September - Ryanair adds new Norwich-Malta Route for Winter 2025.
19th September – Read article titled: 'Bristol Airport: West Country wonder'.
20th September - A cyber-attack causes flight delays at Heathrow and several European airports, with problems lasting for hours on end. Collins Aerospace 'cyber attack' latest in series of incidents at UK airports – details here.
21st September - Government approves Gatwick Airport's plan to bring its northern runway into regular use, following a year-long examination under the Planning Act 2008.
21st September – This article is titled: 'What is Gatwick's expansion plan and who will pay for it?'
21st September - Air travellers faced another day of disruption at several UK and European airports including Heathrow, after a cyber-attack.
22nd September - Gatwick Airport plans extra 100,000 flights a year with second runway go-ahead. Chancellor Rachel Reeves says government is 'backing builders, not blockers'.
22nd September - Transport Committee Chair responds to Gatwick Airport announcement.
22nd September - East Midlands Airport's new commercial director is on a mission to "enable connectivity with the world" for passengers and cargo – see here.
23rd September - London Stansted celebrating Recycle Week 2025 by shining a spotlight on its efforts to cut waste, boost recycling, and build a greener future for the airport.
23rd September - Birmingham Airport launching new tech-driven programme - 'Connected Personal Experiences' - to integrate leading technology into the airport journey.
24th September - A fire in a lounge at London Stansted Airport forced an evacuation and complete closure of security checkpoints.
24th September – Some research claims that home prices in Gatwick Area could fall by as much as £40,000 following second runway approval. More on this here.
24th September - Nigeria's Air Peace hails historic approval to operate scheduled flights from Nigeria into both Heathrow and Gatwick Airports achieved with backing of UK Government.
24th September - Travel data company OAG has once again named London Heathrow the world's most connected airport.
24th September – Heathrow Airport taxi drivers told to pre-register for new taxi feeder system or risk losing access – see here for details.
25 September – CAA launches consultation on Airspace Modernisation (CAP1616). The consultation will run until 18 December 2025.
25th September – This article is titled: 'From bottlenecks to breakthroughs: What Heathrow's expansion means for Britain's future'.
25th September – CAA publishes CAP3173 which provides an update on the regulatory policy on the recovery of early expansion costs incurred by potential developers before Government decides whether to grant a DCO for capacity expansion at Heathrow.
25th September - Luton Airport has reopened one of its car parks two years after it was destroyed in a fire - but the cost of parking has increased. More on this here.
26th September - Bournemouth Airport puts in place contingency plans to minimise any impact from planned strike action by Unite members on 30 September and 1 October.
26th September – The CAA has approved drone manufacturer Windracers to conduct the UK's first civil unmanned aerial system (UAS) international operation. Meanwhile….

26th September - Public support in the UK for the use of drones is growing, according to research conducted by the air traffic service NATS.
26th September – This article says that experts warn that travel hubs across Britain including Heathrow, Gatwick and London City are set to get even noisier due to climate change.
26th September – Read article: 'This Is Why London Heathrow Airport Needs Another Runway'.
29th September - Local groups share over £33,000 from Stansted Airport Community Fund.
29th September – This article is titled: 'A second runway at Gatwick airport could improve efficiency and bring down fares – an economist's view'.
29th September - Farnborough Airport launches consultation on revised planning application that maintains 50,000 annual flight limit while increasing non-weekday flight capacity.
30th September - Freenow launches new virtual queuing system at Heathrow designed to streamline pick-up procedures/reduce need for drivers to wait in nearby residential areas.
30th September – DfT/Innovate UK set to launch the 'Beyond Restoration' project which will deploy autonomous drone technology to carry out vital conservation work across the UK.
30th September - Manchester city council has taken a stake in a science and innovation campus being planned next door to the city's airport. Details are here and here.
30th September - The development of London Stansted's on-site solar farm passed a milestone this week following the successful installation of the 1,500th solar panel.

Other Aviation Industry News

1st September - CAA report: UK airports showing significant growth and better punctuality.
1st September - easyJet has launched first flight on a new route from City of Derry Airport to Birmingham. The new twice-weekly service will operate every Monday and Friday.
2nd September - IATA has appointed Thomas Reynaert senior vice president, external affairs. He'll be responsible for coordinating IATA's global advocacy efforts from its Brussels office.
2nd September - Aer Lingus Regional announces its Winter 2025 schedule from Belfast City Airport including doubling services on its Belfast City-East Midlands route.
2nd September - Eve Air Mobility publishes vertiport guide. The 'Infrastructure Quick Guide' provides UAM stakeholders with a roadmap for launching and scaling UAM services.
3rd September - Cork Airport passenger numbers up 10% in August with some 376,709 passengers. In the year-to-date, passenger numbers are up by 15% compared with 2024.
3rd September - Ryanair to slash more than one million winter seats in Spain over "excessive airport fees", sparking "extortion" accusations from Aena, the national airport operator.
4th September – Although baggage screeners at Gatwick have come to an agreement to end their strikes, industrial action is set to continue throughout September and across Europe.
4th September - Ryanair confirms it's completed rollout of bigger carry-on bag sizers at its European airports. See details of this in its press release here.
4th September - Volocopter and Euro Flight Test sign MOU to provide world's first eVTOL training courses, developing training modules addressing aspects of eVTOL operations.
5th September - Edinburgh Airport undergoes digital transformation to enhance and modernise passenger journeys. See here for more details on this.
5th September - Cork Airport's €200m upgrade begins with new mezzanine and faster security checks. Airport's most significant capital investment plan in almost 25 years will commence this month.

5th September - Inverness voted Scotland's most loved main airport while the other three improved their ratings in latest annual passenger survey by consumer champions Which?
6th September - New deal could see Red Arrows jets built in Scotland. Aircraft manufacturer Aeralis and Glasgow Prestwick Airport have signed a strategic agreement – see here.
6th September – Read about report titled: 'Smart Airports: From Curb to Runway'.
6th September – 'Near-Misses Explained: How Do Air Traffic Controllers Keep You Safe At Congested Airports?' Read all about this here.
7th September – One for plane buffs: 'Why Did Boeing Develop a Stretched 757 Variant?'
8th September - Aer Lingus has announced impressive 2nd-quarter results for 2025. It's also considering legal action against Dublin Airport regarding the movement cap. Meanwhile…
8th September – Emerald Airlines, owned by Aer Lingus Regional, will increase its flights to the Northern Ireland capital of Belfast from 3 to 7 a week from October 25 this year.
8th September - A recent project to modernise the passenger experience at Edinburgh Airport has seen the check-in desk video wall extended to 106m – details are here.
9th September - Skyportz advances air mobility with new Vertipad animation and patent release – details on this are here.
9th September - Ryanair has applied for a judicial review in the High Court to challenge a planning decision in July that limits night flights at Dublin Airport to 35,672 a year.
10th September - Instrument landing system and visual landing aids market to surge, propelled by air traffic boom and airport overhauls – details here.
10th September - Dublin Airport to refund 4,500 customers overcharged for parking during promotional campaigns earlier this year - refund will total €350,000.
10th September – ACI Preliminary air traffic report for July 2025 shows that passenger traffic in Europe is rising but July growth was below average. Meanwhile…..
10th September - ACI Europe reveals mixed performance across major cargo hubs. Frankfurt and Heathrow show growth while Istanbul and Amsterdam report volume decreases.
10th September – This article is titled: 'Five Ways AI Is Improving Key Operational Areas in Aviation'.
11th September - The operator of Dublin and Cork airports has said "nothing should be inferred" from reports of a rift between the chief executive and the board of the daa.
12th September - Routes World 2026 to take place in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
12th September – Ryanair CEO slams government inaction on Dublin airport restrictions and warns of industry-wide challenges.
12th September - Backscatter X-ray devices market grows as demand for advanced security screening rises globally.
13th September - Edinburgh flights: Northern Lights chasers get year-round Scottish flights to Aurora Borealis hotspot – details are here.
13th September – Read article titled: 'The Transatlantic Workhorse: 5 Reasons Why The Boeing 777 Still Rules Summer Crossings'.
14th September - Government planning to scrap passenger cap at Dublin Airport. Transport Minister to send a memo to Cabinet in the first week of October and begin the process of drafting legislation that will remove the airport's 32m a year passenger limit.
15th September – This article says technology and digitisation can help airlines meet customer expectations while driving operational efficiencies.
15th September - Sydney Airport has released its preliminary draft Master Plan 2045. By 2045, it's expected to welcome over 72 million passengers every year, an increase of 75%.

16th September - Fingal County Council raise "frustrations" with DfT about planning tensions with DAA, who are struggling to advance proposals to raise passenger cap at Dublin Airport.
16th September - AERALIS and Glasgow Prestwick Airport signed agreement earlier this month formalising their collaborative approach to assembly of AERALIS aircraft in Ayrshire.
16th September – This article is titled: 'Is business aviation being left behind in the sustainable fuel race'?
16th September – CSO data shows that more than 800,000 additional passengers used Irish airports in 2nd quarter by State's five main airports with Dublin handling 83%.
17th September - The Dutch government's decision to raise the air passenger tax again, effective January 1, 2026, has ignited fierce opposition from airlines and airports.
17th September - PJ Hegarty awarded contract to deliver 1st phase of Cork Airport's €200m Capital Development Plan, one of most significant projects at the airport in almost 25 years.
17th September - Federal Ombudsman unveils a noise reduction plan for Brussels-National Airport, aiming to balance aviation, public health, and environmental concerns.
18th September - Workers at daa have been told Kenny Jacobs "is and remains" the chief executive of the operator of Dublin and Cork airports. Details are here.
19th September - New rules at Dublin Airport mean passengers now no longer have to take liquids, gels and electronic items out of their hand luggage when passing through security.
20th September - Terminal 2 at Dublin Airport was evacuated due to security reasons, disrupting operations at Ireland's busiest airport. Details are here.
20th September - 'Flying boats' could be future of travel in Scotland. Highlands & Islands Transport Partnership is teaming up with US-based company, Regent, who have developed an electric vessel known as a Seaglider.
20th September - Germany will be putting the European Entry/Exit System into operation incrementally beginning on October 12, 2025 starting at Düsseldorf Airport.
21st September - Dublin Airport T2 disruption continues as Aer Lingus 'significantly impacted' by cyber-attack.
21st September - Noida International Airport: India's largest aviation hub taking shape, inauguration date set for 30 October. Details on this are here.
22nd September - EU orders France to recover EUR1.8 million from Ryanair after concluding the airline had wrongly received state aid from the entity managing Carcassonne airport.
23rd September – Research says that consumers are willing to pay more for automatic travel insurance as cyber threats disrupt airports.
23rd September - A ransomware attack was behind the cyber disruptions that crippled check-in systems at major European airports since Friday, says EU Agency for Cybersecurity.
24th September – This article is titled: 'British Airways' Longest Nonstop Routes With The Airbus A350-1000 In 2025'.
24th September - Edinburgh Airport reveals when its runway will close for £30m resurfacing.
24th September - Warmer air from climate change will tend to make departing aircraft create more noise pollution around European airports by 2050, according to new findings.
24th September - CEO of AGS Airports on steering Aberdeen, Glasgow and Southampton airports into new era focused on sustainable growth and enhanced passenger experience.
24th September – Annual results published by DAA show that passenger numbers and turnover rose at Cork and Dublin airports.
25th September - UK National Crime Agency said it has arrested a man in its investigation into a cyber-attack that has disrupted flights across Europe for days. Details are here.

25th September - Glasgow Airport's new look: £3.7 million investment brings fresh dining and shopping choices.
25th September - Fingal County Council has approval plans by Dublin airport operator, daa to expand the existing Pier 1 West building by adding a second story to the western end.
26th September – This article is titled: 'How smart tech is optimising your airport'.
26th September - Glasgow Prestwick hosts Air China Cargo delegation – see details here.
27th September – This article is titled: 'Turbulence ahead as opinions clash over passenger cap' – this relates to the passenger cap in place at Dublin Airport.
28th September – Read: 'Cyber Incidents Take Off: Europe's Airports Join a Growing List'.
28th September – This article says: 'Airports Will Get Noisier As Earth Gets Warmer'.
29th September - Over £4m in funding awarded to British businesses developing next-generation aviation technology. Funding is designed to secure UK leadership in the future of aviation and the fast-growing field of drones and unmanned aircraft systems.
29th September - Air Ambulances UK has released a manifesto outlining four policy priorities for air ambulance charity operations across the country.
30th September - This article takes a closer look at the Airbus A300, how many have already been scrapped plus considering the aircraft's role and legacy in the wider aviation industry.
30th September - Airports Council International (ACI) World is forecasting that global air travel will reach 9.8 billion passengers in 2025.
30th September - Shannon airport recorded a 16% rise in passenger numbers over summer.
30th September - Brussels Airport announce that all departing passenger flights scheduled for Tuesday, 14 October, will be cancelled as a result of national industrial action.
30th September – The Irish Government has agreed to bring forward legislation to address the issue of a passenger cap at Dublin Airport. Details are here.

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There were no Library Additions this month.