

## SASIG Aviation Bulletin: September 2022

SASIG's Aviation news and policy bulletin aims to provide its members and associate members, with a comprehensive and informed overview of what has been happening in Parliament and Whitehall as well as in the sector itself on a monthly basis. It has been developed by SASIG's Secretariat to offer a unique and easily accessible digest of strategic aviation news, policy and politics all in one place with links to key documents and statements where these are required.

### Monthly Highlights

1. Lis Truss is elected new Leader of Conservative and Unionist Party and Anne-Marie Trevelyan is appointed new Secretary of State for Transport (5 September).
2. Peel Holdings announced their intention to close Doncaster Sheffield Airport (DSA). Doncaster Council and other South Yorkshire Partners are resisting this and intend to fight to keep it open (26 September).
3. New Transport Secretary calls for international action to decarbonise global aviation. See more details [here](#) (28 September).

### Potential Actions for LAs

N/A

### SASIG Activities

Chairman's Advisory Group meeting held – new member from Southend BC attended.  
Long standing member and Vice Chair of SASIG Cllr Nigel Shaw of Broadland DC passed away at the age of 70 in August – nominations will be sought for a new Vice Chair in due course.  
SASIG Secretariat providing ongoing advice to Doncaster Council about Peel's plans for DSA.

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## **Editorial**

The return of Parliament on 5th September, the election of Liz Truss as the new Prime Minister, her appointment of a new Cabinet (including a new SoS for Transport) and the death of Queen Elizabeth II, all served to limit the extent of new policy making and regulation activity relating to aviation during September.

The major Government news was the appointment of Anne-Marie Trevelyan as the new Secretary of State and Baroness Vere of Norbiton as Aviation Minister, the latter returning to a portfolio she had handled previously. The former set two policy priorities for the new administration in relation to aviation – growth and decarbonisation. All else would be secondary. There were, however, no aviation debates or Transport Questions in Parliament during September and the only major policy speech by the incoming SoS was at ICAO urging support for a strong international commitment to decarbonisation across the sector.

Major industry news included the prospective closure of DSA, although the Local Government community in South Yorkshire are united in seeking to stop this, and the withdrawal of Aer Lingus main route from Belfast City reducing slots allocated to services to Northern Ireland from Heathrow.

Finally, the Chairman and Secretariat would like to offer their condolences to the family and colleagues of Cllr Nigel Shaw at Broadland DC who passed away in August. Nigel was a member of the Chairman's Advisory Group, a Vice Chair of SASIG and a long-standing and strong supporter of SASIG's work. His presence, dry sense of humour and contributions at our meetings will be sorely missed.

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## **Monthly Highlights**

**5<sup>th</sup>:** Liz Truss is elected new Leader of Conservative and Unionist Party and Anne-Marie Trevelyan is appointed new Secretary of State for Transport.

**26<sup>th</sup>:** Peel Holdings, the private sector owners of Doncaster Sheffield say the airport will close and flights will start to wind down from the end of October (26 September). The closure, which Doncaster Council and South Yorkshire Mayoral Authority continue to fight, raises major issues over the ownership and governance of strategically important regional infrastructure, whether land associated with such infrastructure should be allowed to be used for other purposes and the closure procedures that should take place before this can happen.

**28<sup>th</sup>:** New Transport Secretary calls for international action to decarbonise global aviation. See more details [here](#).

## **Events, Meetings and Conferences**

## **SASIG Meetings**

(To note: depending on any restrictions continuing, some of these meetings may be held virtually. It is therefore advised to check with the Secretariat first before making any travel arrangements).

**20 October 2022:** 10:30: SASIG members' meeting, (virtual via Zoom)

**19 January 2023:** 10:30: SASIG members' meeting, Westminster Suite, LGA or virtual (tbc).

**External Conferences: (please note: due to the continuing impact of the pandemic, some changes may have occurred).**

**16-18 October 2022:** [Routes World 2022](#): Las Vegas, USA.

**19-20 October 2022:** [International Airport Summit 2022: Airports Re-imagined](#): London & Hybrid

**3-4 November 2022:** [Aviation World Conference 2022](#): online.

**9-11 May 2023:** [Routes Europe 2023](#): Lodz, Poland.

**19-20 August 2023:** [International Conference on Sustainable Aviation](#): London

## **Parliamentary and Government News**

Both Houses rose on 21 July and returned on 5 September 2022. Following the death of Her Majesty the Queen, both Houses then rose again. The Lords will return on 10 October 2022 and the Commons returned on 22 September 2022.

**28<sup>th</sup> September** - New Transport Secretary calls for international action to decarbonise global aviation. See more details [here](#).

### **Transport Questions: House of Commons:**

There were no Transport questions in the House of Commons this month.

### **Transport Questions: House of Lords**

There were no Transport questions in the House of Lords this month.

### **Parliamentary Questions:**

**Q.1. Question (46066) asked by Ruth Jones (Newport West) on 2 September 2022: "To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has had recent discussions with Cabinet colleagues on the route network operated at Heathrow Airport".**

A. Robert Courts on 6 September 2022: "The UK aviation market operates predominately in the private sector. 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 route network at Heathrow is determined by airlines based on their own assessments".

**Q.2. Question (45224) asked by Louise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley) on 2 September 2022: “To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what meetings he has had in (a) July and (b) August 2022 with the Peel Group on Doncaster Sheffield Airport”.**

A. Robert Courts on 6 September 2022: “In terms of meetings with Peel Group on Doncaster Sheffield Airport, I refer the Right Hon. Member to the answer given to her question on 5 September 2022, Written Question 40860”.

**Q.3. Question (45642) asked by Bim Afolami (Hitchin & Harpenden) on 2 September 2022: “To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to help enforce noise restrictions in place at London Luton Airport”.**

A. Robert Courts on 6 September 2022: “The Government sets noise-related restrictions at the noise-designated airports (Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted) and ensures these airports assess their noise impacts on an annual basis. In the case of Heathrow Airport, the Civil Aviation Authority produces summer noise exposure contours. These inform Government of the areas most significantly affected by aircraft movements from Heathrow, and therefore those communities most likely to suffer aircraft noise-related health outcomes which should be prioritised by policy interventions. At other airports, such as London Luton, restrictions are set locally, usually through the planning system. It is the responsibility of the local planning authority to conduct any necessary noise assessment and to enforce any restrictions. As major airports with more than 50,000 movements per year, both Heathrow and London Luton Airports are also obliged under the Environmental Noise Regulations 2006, as amended, to produce noise maps and Noise Action Plans. Current Noise Action Plans cover the period 2019-2023, while the next round of planning will cover the period 2024-2028”.

**Q.4. Question (45465) asked by Bim Afolami (Hitchin & Harpenden) on 2 September 2022: “To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment his Department has made of the levels of noise pollution caused by operations at London Luton Airport in communities in Hertfordshire”.**

A. Robert Courts on 6 September 2022: (See answer to Q. 45642 above).

**Q.5. Question (48422) asked by Louise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley) on 6 September 2022: “To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department has conducted an impact assessment of the potential impact of the closure of Doncaster-Sheffield Airport on local businesses operating on that site”.**

A. Kevin Foster on 20 September 2022: “The Government is committed to regional airports. They are key to serving our local communities, supporting thousands of jobs in the regions, and they act as a key gateway to international opportunities. While the UK Government supports airports, it does not own or operate them. The Department for Transport recognises the importance of Doncaster Sheffield Airport to the region. The Aviation Minister made clear in meetings both with the South Yorkshire Mayor Oliver Coppard and the Peel Group the Government’s desire to see a viable aviation future for the airport. Officials and the Minister have and will continue to meet with local stakeholders such as the Mayor, local MPs and businesses with a direct relationship with the airport to understand the potential impact of the review to the Yorkshire regions”.

**Q.6. Question (48421) asked by Louise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley) on 6 September 2022: “To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department has conducted an assessment of the potential impact of the closure of Doncaster-Sheffield Airport on the Yorkshire region”.**

A. Kevin Foster on 21 September 2022: “I refer the Right Hon. Member to the Answer given to her on 20 September 2022, to Written Question 48422”.

**Q.7. Question (48242) asked by Jon Trickett (Hemsworth) on 6 September 2022: “To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department has had recent discussions with the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority on finding investors for Doncaster Sheffield Airport”.**

A. Robert Courts on 20 September 2022: “The Government is committed to regional airports. They are key to serving our local communities, supporting thousands of jobs in the regions, and they act as a key gateway to international opportunities. While the UK Government supports airports, it does not own or operate them. The Minister for Aviation recognises the importance of Doncaster Sheffield Airport to the region and has made clear in meetings both with the South Yorkshire Mayor Oliver Coppard and the Peel Group the Government’s desire to see a viable aviation future for the airport. The Minister has urged Mayor Coppard to work with all parties to find a locally led solution to preserve aviation at Doncaster-Sheffield Airport”.

**Q.8. Question (48241) asked by Jon Trickett (Hemsworth) on 6 September 2022: “To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department has had recent discussions with the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority on public ownership of Doncaster Sheffield Airport”.**

A. Robert Courts on 20 September 2022: See answer to Q.7 above.

**Q.9. Question (HL2065) asked by Lord Berkeley on 5 September 2022: “To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they will review the terms of the public service obligation arrangements to support flights to and from Cornwall Airport Newquay when operators are prepared to operate flights on a commercial basis on the same routes”.**

A. Baroness Vere of Norbiton on 14 September 2022: “We recognise and value the importance of regional connectivity. Flybe's planned flights from Newquay adds a new route into Heathrow and capacity to Manchester. UK policy on public service obligations (PSOs) protects existing routes into London, with no viable alternative, that are in danger of being lost, under which DfT and Cornwall Council fund the Gatwick route. We work closely with funding partners and local stakeholders to review on-going performance and future operations of PSOs”.

**Q.10. Question (HL2297) asked by Lord Dodds of Duncairn on 8 September 2022: “To ask His Majesty's Government when they will respond to the consultation on Reforming aviation consumer policy: protecting air passenger rights, which closed on 27 March”.**

A. Baroness Vere of Norbiton on 20 September 2022: “Air passenger rights remains a priority for Government, and the Aviation Consumer Policy Reform Consultation aimed to collect views on ways to bolster air passenger rights and support the industry to provide the best service possible for consumers. We are currently conducting a comprehensive review and analysis of responses and will set out next steps shortly”.

**Q.11. Question (48485) asked by Stephen Morgan (Portsmouth South) on 6 September 2022: “To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will publish details of how permitted development rights will be expanded within freeport zones”.**

A. Dehenna Davison on 21 September 2022: “Alongside the rest of the freeports package, in 2021, the government amended existing permitted development rights for ports so that they have the same freedoms as airports. This amendment related to all ports and the government has not proposed new or changed permitted development rights for Freeports specifically”.

**Q.12. Question (HL2129) asked by Lord Kilclooney on 5 September 2022: “To ask Her Majesty's Government where are the freeports in (1) England, (2) Wales, and (3) Scotland; and whether they intend to establish a freeport in Northern Ireland”.**

A. Baroness Bloomfield of Hinton Waldrist on 20 September 2022: “In March 2021, the Chancellor announced 8 locations as winners of the English Freeports competition: East Midlands Airport, Felixstowe & Harwich (Freeport East), Humber, Liverpool City Region, Plymouth & South Devon, Solent, Teesside, and Thames. Subsequently, Freeports have been working with government to develop business cases and secure the necessary designations in law. Tax sites have now been designated in all English Freeports and customs sites have been designated in Teesside, Thames and, more recently, Solent Freeports.

The UK government is investing £52 million to bring two Green Freeports to Scotland. Bidding has now closed, and we are working jointly with the Scottish Government to jointly assess bids to ensure they meet our shared goals, ahead of announcing winners later in the autumn. A Welsh Freeport will be backed by £26 million in UK Government funding. The prospectus was published 01 September and it is expected that the successful Freeport location will be announced later this year. We are committed to extending the Freeports programme to Northern Ireland as soon as possible”.

**Q.13. Question (53302) asked by Sir Bill Wiggin (North Herefordshire) on 21 September 2022: “To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department plans to introduce a limit to the amount that airports can charge for the use of drop-off facilities”.**

A. Katherine Fletcher on 29 September 2022: “Most airports in the UK are managed and operated as private businesses, and parking arrangements are subject to contractual agreements between airport operators and car parking companies covered by consumer laws. The provision and charging of car parking at airports (including drop off and pick charges) is a matter for the airport operator as a commercial business to manage and justify. However, the Department for Transport expects car parking at airports to be managed appropriately and consumers treated fairly”.

**Q.14. Question (53400) asked by Jim Shannon (Strangford) on 21 September 2022: “To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions he has had with (a) Aer Lingus and (b) Belfast City Airport on the potential removal of Aer Lingus services from Belfast City Airport to London Heathrow”.**

A. Katherine Fletcher on 29 September 2022: “The UK aviation market operates predominantly in the private sector. Airports invest in their infrastructure to attract passengers and airlines, while airlines are well placed to deliver services to their customers.

Northern Ireland is well connected to Great Britain, with several competing services between Belfast and London, the PSO from Derry / Londonderry to London, and routes from Northern Ireland to several cities throughout the UK”.

**Q.15. Question (51423) asked by David Davis (Haltemprice & Howden) on 20 September 2022: “To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department is taking steps to help keep (a) Doncaster Sheffield Airport and (b) other regional transport hubs open”.**

A. Kevin Foster on 23 September 2022: “The Government is strongly committed to regional airports. They provide key transport links to our local communities, support thousands of jobs in the regions and act as key gateways to international opportunities. The Government recognise the importance of Doncaster Sheffield Airport to the region. We remain committed to a continued aviation future for the airport and continue to engage with and encourage stakeholders to develop a locally led solution to support this outcome”.

## **National and Regional News**

**1<sup>st</sup> September** – [Loganair suspends flights in dispute with airport](#). The airline has cancelled hundreds of flights and suspended its summer schedule amid dispute with Cornwall Airport.

**1<sup>st</sup> September** - [East Anglian Air Ambulance celebrates generous support from Norwich Airport](#) which donates free landing fees and charges to the EAAA accounting for more than £75,000 worth of savings to the life-saving charity every year.

**2<sup>nd</sup> September** – [MAG appoints managing directors for two airports](#). They’ve appointed Gareth Powell as MD for London Stansted and Steve Griffiths as MD for East Midlands.

**3<sup>rd</sup> September** - [Heathrow accused of trying to 'squeeze more money from airlines'](#). It wants to impose a £40-per-ton levy that will impact on airlines carrying cargo.

**5<sup>th</sup> September** – TfL says journeys that start or end at Heathrow and involve Zone 1 will become peak fares – see [here](#) for TfL press release.

**5<sup>th</sup> September** - DfT has appointed a new General Aviation Advocate to represent the needs and ambitions of the General Aviation (GA) sector. See further details [here](#).

**6<sup>th</sup> September** - [New HS2 station will bring in 1,000 jobs, says West Midlands mayor](#). The HS2 interchange near the NEC and Birmingham Airport is due to open in 2026.

**6<sup>th</sup> September** – An interesting article titled: ‘Why do blocked airport expansions keep being overturned?’ can be read [here](#).

**6<sup>th</sup> September** - [South Yorkshire’s Mayor says market interest does exist to keep Doncaster Sheffield Airport operational](#). Its current owner has said airport cannot hit the “critical mass” required to sustain passenger operations.

**6<sup>th</sup> September** - [Carlisle airport commercial flight plan is ‘flogging dead horse’ says business leader](#). She wants efforts and investments to be put elsewhere.

**7<sup>th</sup> September** – [New PM, Liz Truss pledges action to 'protect' Doncaster Sheffield Airport from closure](#). She said regional airports are a vital part of UK economic growth.

**7<sup>th</sup> September** - [London City Airport welcomes SUN-AIR’s services to Billund, Denmark](#). There will be six flights per week.

**8<sup>th</sup> September** – An article titled: ‘The UK airports where it’s most likely your flight will get cancelled’ can be read [here](#).

**8<sup>th</sup> September** - [Newcastle Airport gets winter boost from Ryanair](#). The airline will operate a total of 80 weekly flights across 15 routes during the Winter 2022/23 season.



**12<sup>th</sup> September** – Statistics released by Heathrow show 6 million people passed through its terminals last month – see [here](#).

**12<sup>th</sup> September** - [East Anglian Air Ambulance has recognised Norwich Airport for its long-standing support](#) with a special plaque celebrating their partnership over the years.

**13<sup>th</sup> September** - South Yorkshire’s Mayor has said negotiations have begun with a “credible consortium” interested in buying the at-risk Doncaster Sheffield Airport – see details [here](#).

**13<sup>th</sup> September** - [Queen's funeral: Heathrow warns of disruption over next few days](#).

**14<sup>th</sup> September** – Heathrow looks back at a successful summer season – see [here](#).

Meanwhile, it is reported that [Heathrow fares hikes are aimed to cut TfL deficit](#).

**16<sup>th</sup> September** - Teesside Airport workers to vote on strike action over pay – see [here](#).

**19<sup>th</sup> September** – An article about the in-sourced Baggage operations at London City Airport is [here](#).

**20<sup>th</sup> September** - [More than 650 Manchester Airport jobs will be available at an employment fair this week](#). It will take place on 22 September.

**20<sup>th</sup> September** - [Speed limits on parts of the A4 and key route to Heathrow could drop to 30mph](#). Drivers and people living in the area are being asked by Slough BC for their views.

**21<sup>st</sup> September** – MAG’s four airports handled four times as many passengers in the peak months of this year compared to 2021 – see [here](#).

**22<sup>nd</sup> September** - [Luton Airport has welcomed 4.3 million passengers this summer](#).

**22<sup>nd</sup> September** - Rhenus opens new Heathrow cargo hub – see [here](#).

**22<sup>nd</sup> December** - MAG has appointed Gareth Powell as [new MD of London Stansted Airport](#).

**23<sup>rd</sup> September** - [Wizz Air adds two Poland routes from Luton](#). They will begin in December.

**24<sup>th</sup> September** - Belfast City Airport posts £4.4m operating loss for 2021 as path to recovery continues – see [here](#).

**25<sup>th</sup> September** - [South Yorkshire’s political leaders have offered public money to keep Doncaster Sheffield Airport operating into 2023](#) giving owners Peel Group time for negotiations with credible potential investors.

**25<sup>th</sup> September** - Bristol Airport set for a raft of new airlines in 2023 – see [here](#).

**26<sup>th</sup> September** - [Bosses say Doncaster Sheffield Airport will close](#). No closure date has been given yet but flights will start to wind down from 31 October. Meanwhile, politicians urge its owners Peel Group to reverse the decision – see [here](#).

**27<sup>th</sup> September** – [Doncaster Sheffield Airport issues formal statement](#) on closure.

**27<sup>th</sup> September** - [Doncaster Sheffield Airport staff guaranteed job interviews for vacancies](#).

MAG guarantee all affected DSA staff an interview for vacancies across its three airports.

**28<sup>th</sup> September** - [Aviation training facility opening in Luton to address critical skills shortage](#). It will open to its first group of apprentices on 3rd October.

**28<sup>th</sup> September** - [Education centre Aerozone Stansted has opened its doors](#) for the new school year with a variety of new interactive experiences, following a donation by Emirates.

**28<sup>th</sup> September** - [Heathrow records biggest price rise as cost of half-term holiday flights out of Britain soars](#). Families will be paying hundreds of pounds more than before pandemic.

**29<sup>th</sup> September** - [MPs call on owner of Doncaster Sheffield Airport to reverse decision to close airport](#). They can’t understand why Peel rejected offer of public money to cover its losses for the next 13 months.

**29<sup>th</sup> September** – [Gatwick to gain new Asia flights](#). Bamboo Airways will connect Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam with Gatwick from 7 December.

**30<sup>th</sup> September** - [Wizz Air’s Doncaster Sheffield flights will transfer to Leeds Bradford](#). This will be effective from 31 October.

**30<sup>th</sup> September** - [Newcastle International Airport celebrates “landmark achievement” in net zero aim by 2035](#). They have begun using a second electric airside bus to replace diesel one.

## **Other Aviation Industry News**

**1<sup>st</sup> September** – An article titled: ‘Helping business travellers cope with airport layovers’ can be read [here](#).

**1<sup>st</sup> September** - Jet2 say the well-publicised airport chaos this summer as air travel passenger numbers surged upwards after pandemic has eased off significantly – see [here](#).

**1<sup>st</sup> September** - [New slots system will reduce UK peak-period air cargo chaos](#).

**2<sup>nd</sup> September** - Easing of restrictions on new Dublin airport runway appealed to An Bord Pleanála by residents – see [here](#).

**5<sup>th</sup> September** - [Airports should ‘reward’ Ryanair for energy savings, says Ryanair CE](#). He says new North Runway at Dublin Airport will be good for the environment.

**6<sup>th</sup> September** - Dublin Airport operator daa has appointed Catherine Gubbins interim chief executive officer, following the departure of Dalton Philips. More details [here](#).

**6<sup>th</sup> September** - [Europe has extended its dominance for cybersecurity hiring among airport industry companies](#) in the three months ending July.

**6<sup>th</sup> September** - [Drone test flights carrying NHS medical supplies to start in Glasgow next year](#). UK Research and Innovation, which is funding the project, said the first regular flights to rural areas could start the following year. More information can be read [here](#).

**6<sup>th</sup> September** – An article giving advice from high flying entrepreneurs in business aviation can be read [here](#).

**7<sup>th</sup> September** - [Dublin Airport Authority has submitted a planning application for a tunnel under one of its runways](#). It originally proposed a tunnel back in 2019 before the pandemic.

**8<sup>th</sup> September** - France bans domestic flights in a bid to reduce carbon emissions – see [here](#).

**9<sup>th</sup> September** – An article titled: ‘Airports should enforce digitisation to improve air cargo, say stakeholders’ can be read [here](#).

**10<sup>th</sup> September** - [Aer Lingus cancels Saturday flights from Dublin Airport to EU and UK destinations after IT failure](#). The airline’s check in was being handled manually.

**12<sup>th</sup> September** - Autonomous transport specialist announces flotation plans as it looks to accelerate growth across its aviation division – see [here](#).

**13<sup>th</sup> September** – An article titled: ‘Accelerating recovery with non-aeronautical revenue’ can be read [here](#).

**14<sup>th</sup> September** - [Highlands and Islands Airports scales back Air traffic modernisation plans](#). It is due to a funding shortfall and they are in talks with Transport Scotland over the issue.

**15<sup>th</sup> September** - [Tourism Ireland has launched a new €1m campaign](#) to encourage American tourists to make use of direct flights from the United States to Shannon Airport.

**16<sup>th</sup> September** - [Passenger numbers at Irish airports still 13% below pre-Covid levels](#).

**16<sup>th</sup> September** - UK regional airfreight plan could boost smaller airports – see [here](#).

**20<sup>th</sup> September** – An article titled: ‘Digitalising travel: Dreaming of a streamlined travel future’ is [here](#).

**20<sup>th</sup> September** – An article titled: ‘New route needed to improve aviation industry’s poor climate change response’ can be read [here](#).

**20<sup>th</sup> September** - [New research reveals a consistent increased in worldwide airport activity](#).

**21<sup>st</sup> September** - [Flybe announces new flights to the Isle of Man](#). From 30 October, Flybe will offer flights to Isle of Man from Heathrow 5 days a week and Belfast City 6 days a week.

**22<sup>nd</sup> September** – An article titled: ‘How airports can use mobile apps to improve passenger loyalty’ can be read [here](#).

**22<sup>nd</sup> September** – An article titled: ‘Airport "chaos" leads to £2bn boost for SMEs from summer staycations’ is [here](#).

**22<sup>nd</sup> September** – See [here](#) for an article titled: ‘The Airport Dimensions view: Digitalisation, differentiation and monetisation’

**23<sup>rd</sup> September** - [Aberdeen Airport welcomes Emerald Airlines’ new daily flights to Dublin](#).

**23<sup>rd</sup> September** - [WTW and University of Cambridge’s Centre for Risk Studies unveils new Airport Risk Index](#). It allows world airports to introduce risk profiling methods to future-proof their resilience planning.

**25<sup>th</sup> September** – An article titled: ‘Operational effectiveness, efficiency or excellence?’ can be read [here](#).

**25<sup>th</sup> September** - [EasyJet aims to reach net zero emissions by 2050](#). Plans include investing in cleaner aircraft, optimising flight descents to save fuel and hydrogen-powered planes.

**26<sup>th</sup> September** - [Cork Airport launches largest ever winter schedule](#). Five airlines will be serving routes to 27 European cities from November through to the end of March.

**27<sup>th</sup> September** - [Chicago O’Hare replaces Heathrow as No. 1 most connected airport](#).

While Heathrow remains first among European hubs, its global ranking dropped from #1 in 2019 to #22 this year.

**28<sup>th</sup> September** - Construction work has begun on a new 269,000 sq ft DHL hub on land south of Coventry Airport – see [here](#).

**28<sup>th</sup> September** - New Transport Secretary calls for international action to decarbonise global aviation. See more details [here](#).

**28<sup>th</sup> September** - Virgin Orbit plane will arrive in Britain within weeks as Cornwall aerodrome prepares to host historic maiden flight as early as October 29 – see [here](#).

**29<sup>th</sup> September** – Article titled: ‘Ireland’s growing aviation sector is a cause for concern’ can be read [here](#). Meanwhile, Ryanair CEO said [Ireland's population is too small for 10 airports](#).

**29<sup>th</sup> September** – ‘Six Steps to Creating a Contactless Passenger Journey’ is [here](#).

**29<sup>th</sup> September** - [Flight paths over Jersey being changed](#) to reduce environmental impact.

**30<sup>th</sup> September** - [UK empty ‘ghost flights’ \(‘use it or lose it’ policy to maintain slots\) surpass 5,000 since 2019](#). Climate campaigners are unhappy with the high numbers.

## **SASIG Library Additions**

A new research report commissioned by ACI Europe and ERAA amongst others, published in August and titled: ‘The Price of Net Zero – Aviation Investments Towards Destination 2050’ can be seen in the members’ area on our website.