

Leeds East Airport Community Newsletter

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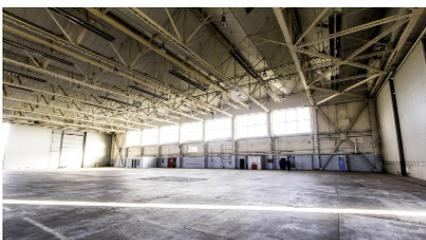


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Happy New Year from Leeds East Airport

Welcome to the latest edition of the community newsletter, which gives you an update on what's been happening at Leeds East Airport in 2016 and some of the news and events coming up in the next few months.

In the two years that Makin Enterprises has owned the site, our team has worked tirelessly to build up the business side of Leeds East Airport from a former RAF site. As well as being a working airport, the site is now home to a diverse range of occupants, from the hit ITV series *Victoria* to a start-up microbrewery!



Interior of one of the hangars

Yorkshire Studios

We are delighted to welcome the cast and crew of Mammoth Screen back to Church Fenton to film a second series of ITV's hit television show *Victoria*. Filming will start in the Spring and the programme is scheduled to air in the Autumn. There will also be a Christmas special, aired in 2017.

Yorkshire Studios has been an important addition to the region's creative and digital industry. It is the first time that Yorkshire has been able to host a major drama that required such large scale studio space. We are continuing to promote these Studios to national and international productions and hope to see more exciting film-making happening here during 2017.

Aviation

We continue to operate the aerodrome for aviation purposes, and in 2016 we made significant investment in the aviation facilities. We have been granted an aerodrome licence by the Civil Aviation Authority



Line painting at the airfield

which means that aircraft at Leeds East Airport can now fly fare-paying passengers. We are progressing a Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) licence that would enable commercial flights to land when visibility is reduced at other locations.

Contrary to reports, we will not now be going ahead with a limited charter flight operation this year.

Renault

Part of the aerodrome is currently being used to store cars and vans for the car manufacturer Renault. Representatives from Renault and from Makin Enterprises recently attended a meeting with Ulleskelf Parish Council to discuss issues relating to car transporters. This was a very productive meeting and Renault representatives have issued further instructions to delivery drivers to ensure that we continue to be good neighbours. Should any residents have comments or suggestions relating to this, please contact us on 0800 089 0362.

Garden Village proposals

You may be aware that Selby District Council submitted an Expression of Interest for a Garden Village at the end of last year, which included our land at the former RAF Church Fenton. With the UK Government encouraging residential development on brownfield land, we supported this as an option worth further exploration.

This major brownfield site has an important role to play in the economic future of Selby and Yorkshire. With an ongoing investment programme in the aviation operation, the current future of the site is as a commercial airport. The challenge we have at Leeds East Airport is to continue to generate the funds necessary to keep the site operational. The high cost of running and maintaining the site can only be met with new enterprise, events and development on the site. We are therefore continuing to explore various options and wish to work with the local community to make it a success. We will continue to keep the local community updated on any developments.

If you have any queries about any of the activity at Leeds East Airport, or you would like to receive newsletters by email in future, please contact us on 0800 089 0362 or email info@leedseastairport.co.uk

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