

# FACT SHEET

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Robin Hood Airport Doncaster Sheffield is the first *full-service* airport to be built in Britain in over 50 years. This £80 million development by Peel Airports Ltd has transformed the former RAF Finningley base in South Yorkshire into a brand new 'personality' airport under the Robin Hood banner. It is estimated that more than 7,000 jobs will be created.

## THE LOCATION

- Ideally located in the Yorkshire and Humber region - an Objective 1 an EU funded area
- Easy access to national motorway links including M62 (Hull to Liverpool), M1 (London to Leeds), M18 (Sheffield M1 to Goole M62), M180 (Scunthorpe and Grimsby) and the A1 (London to Edinburgh)
- Doncaster - Lincoln railway line runs close by and a direct connection to the airport is offered by the Airport Arrow Shuttle service. An on-site rail station is planned in the long term.

## THE FACILITY

- The runway measures almost 3,000m long by 60m wide - second only to Manchester in the North of England and easily capable of supporting long-haul aircraft
- A range of long and short-haul, leisure and scheduled passenger flights operate
- Airport operates 24 hours a day
- The 800-acre airport infrastructure also supports all manner of ancillary business and services including the **Directions Finningley** training/recruitment facility and future development of an associated National Aviation Academy

## CAPACITY

- The Airport aims to cater for 2.3 million passengers and 50,000 tonnes of freight each year
- Its huge UK catchment is in excess of 5 million people within one hour's drive time, encompassing areas east of the Pennines including South Yorkshire, North Nottinghamshire, North Lincolnshire and beyond
- A key area of focus is to attract inbound passengers from around the world, utilising the 'Robin Hood' name and legend to create an attractive tourism proposition and offering a gateway centrally located to service tourism in Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire

## AIRLINES / TOUR OPERATORS

- Thomsonfly.com offer an extensive choice of low-cost high frequency flights to destinations across the world together with a vast programme of short, medium and long-haul holiday flights also available from Thomson

- Thomas Cook, Airtours, Balkan Holidays & Newmarket are currently selling Summer holiday packages departing from Robin Hood Airport (Summer 2007 holidays go on sale at the end of April 2006)
- Ryanair operate a daily direct services to Dublin, Pisa & Barcelona (Girona)
- Princess Cruises, P&O Cruises and Fred Olsen Cruise lines will commence non-stop flights to Bridgetown, Barbados and Fort Lauderdale in Florida to join Caribbean cruises from January 2007
- Wizz Air operate 3 x weekly flights to Poland (Katowice/Cracow) commenced 19 September 2006 and will fly to Gdańsk (Poland) from 15 July 2007 operating 4 times a week with flights on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays & Sundays
- Flybe offer double daily services to Belfast City Airport commencing 29 October 2006
- Weekly direct flights to Toronto commence May 2007 with Flyglobespan
- Shaheen Air to operate at least 2 weekly direct scheduled flights to Pakistan (Islamabad) to commence by the end of 2006

## DEVELOPMENT HISTORY

1936	RAF Finningley opened
April 1996	Station closed by MOD
June 1999	Peel's purchase of the site completed
2000-2001	Support secured from Yorkshire Forward, Doncaster Council and local residents
April 2003	Government approves planning application after six-month public enquiry
April 2004	Terminal building construction work commenced after approval of detailed plans
20 April 2004	Thomson and Thomsonfly.com named as launch operator
April 2004	Renamed and rebranded as Robin Hood Airport Doncaster Sheffield
April 2004	Brochures launched with first Summer 2005 holidays on sale
9 August 2004	Thomas Cook world's oldest package holiday company announce selling package holidays to Gran Canaria, Ibiza, Tunisia & Turkey from 01 May 2005
6 December 2004	Thomsonfly low-cost destinations announced and flights go on sale
Spring 2005	Unveiling of completed terminal building
April 2005	Long haul announcement
15 April 2005	Launch of Airport Arrow shuttle bus
28 April 2005	First Scheduled flight departed from the airport
June 2005	Welcomed 100,000 <sup>th</sup> passenger
5 August 2005	Welcomed 250,000 <sup>th</sup> passenger
August 2005	Major cruise line, Princess Cruises, the sister line to P & O Cruises announced non-stop flights from the airport to the United States and the Caribbean commencing January 2007

August 2005	easyJet Geneva route announcement
November 2005	500,000 <sup>th</sup> passenger celebration
15 December 2005	First flight to Geneva with easyJet
28 March 2006	Ryanair announce two new routes to Pisa & Barcelona (Girona) with low fares starting at £3.99 one way excluding taxes
31 March 2006	Heritage Memorial dedication service
28 April 2006	Airport celebrated 1st Birthday
05, 06, 07 May 2006	First long haul flights departed bound for Dominican Republic (Puerto Plata), Cancun (Mexico) and Sanford (Florida)
10 May 2006	Wizz Air announced low cost scheduled services to Katowice in Poland commencing 19 September 2006
23 June 2006	Airport celebrated 1 million passengers 60 weeks to the day since opening
26 June 2006	Flybe announced new base at RHA with double daily services to George Best Belfast City Airport, commencing 29 October 2006
17 August 2006	Ryanair celebrate 100,000 passengers carried since Airport opened in April 2005
30 August 2006	Robin Hood Airport and The South Yorkshire Forest Partnership announce Last Call! initiative to help make the environment cleaner by planting trees to absorb carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ) emissions
15 September 2006	Flyglobespan announce new direct transatlantic scheduled services to Toronto, commencing May 2007
21 September 2006	Shaheen Air announce new direct scheduled services to Pakistan (Islamabad) are to commence by the end of 2006
26 October 2006	Wizz Air announce it will operate flights to Gdańsk (Poland) commencing 15 July 2007

## ONGOING DEVELOPMENTS

Autumn 2006 Robin Hood Statue Unveil (Airport Brand Launch)

## PEEL AIRPORTS - THE AIRPORT GROUP FOR THE NORTH OF ENGLAND

A wholly owned subsidiary of property development company Peel Holdings Limited, providing aviation services via:

- Robin Hood Airport Doncaster Sheffield
- Liverpool John Lennon Airport
- Durham Tees Valley Airport (*formerly Teesside International Airport*)
- Sheffield City Airport & Heliport

Our Airports are strategically located in key points across the North of England



Major Players include:

- Robert Hough, Chairman of Peel Airports
- David Ryall, Managing Director of Robin Hood Airport Doncaster Sheffield
- Neil Pakey, Chief Executive Officer of Peel Airports
- Peter Nears, Strategic Planning Director of Peel Holdings
- Vic Brodrick, Commercial Director of Peel Airports

## **PEEL HOLDINGS**

- Major property development, investment and transportation company based in Manchester
- Other key operations include the Manchester Ship and Bridgewater Canals, Clydeport, Liverpool John Lennon Airport and The Trafford Centre and recently acquired Mersey Docks Company
- Gross asset value of over £4.5 billion