

# Sources for the Study of Sheffield's Airports



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Harold Blackburn at Sheffield Independent Aviation Week, 1914  
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Aerial view of Sheffield Airport under construction, 1997  
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Sheffield Airport, 1997  
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## Introduction

This Guide lists sources available within Sheffield Libraries Archives and Information for the study of the development of Sheffield's air transport facilities.

Within a decade of the first flight by the American Wright Brothers in 1903 an aeroplane flew to Sheffield<sup>1</sup>, and just 18 months years later the *Sheffield Independent* organised a hugely successful aviation week at Owlerton featuring a monoplane and well known pilot Harold Blackburn.

Sheffield has been described as the only large city in Europe without its own airport. It did have one - briefly - between 1997 and 2008. Much of the 20<sup>th</sup> century was taken up with discussions and plans for the city to have its own airport. Plans included converting the aerodromes at Todwick and Coal Aston; there was also talk of converting the redundant military camp at Redmires into an airport. Despite much support for such schemes they came to nothing. Numerous references to these plans will be found in the archives of Sheffield City Council, mainly in the minutes of the Council and its committees; there are also plentiful references in local newspapers.

After various abortive attempts to develop its own airport Sheffield joined with Doncaster in calling for Doncaster's airport to be converted into a state-funded facility (in 1950). That came to nothing as well. A year later there was an enquiry into air travel facilities in Sheffield and a Parliamentary debate a couple of years later. However, it wasn't until the formation of the Sheffield Development Corporation (SDC) 40 years later that an airport for the city was established; for a variety of reasons however it lasted just a few years.

Sheffield's nearest commercial airport today (2013) is 'Robin Hood Airport Doncaster Sheffield' at Doncaster on the former RAF Finningley site.

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<sup>1</sup> 29 August 1912

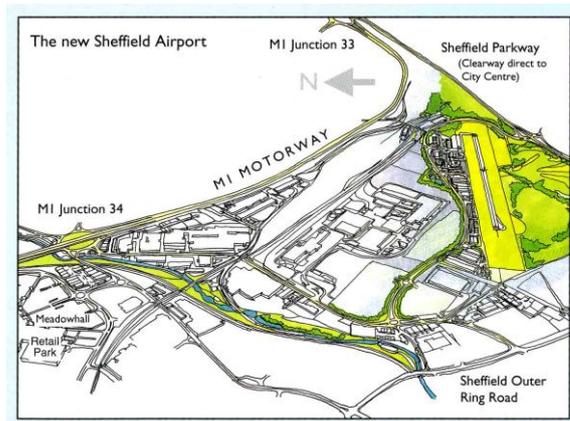
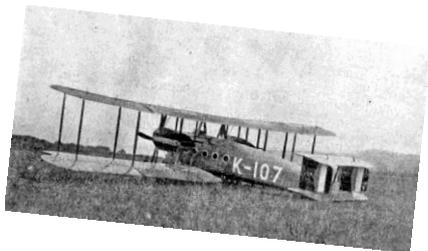
## Timeline showing key dates

29 Aug 1912	The first aeroplane flies to Sheffield.
28 Mar - 4 Apr 1914	Aviation Week in Sheffield.
1915	Royal Flying Corps established a training airfield and landing strip at Coal Aston (near Norton Lane / Bochum Parkway junction).
Dec 1916	Northern Aircraft Repair Depot formed in Northern Area Command at Coal Aston.
Apr 1917	Northern Aircraft Repair Depot HQ moved from Bradford to Coal Aston.
1920	Sheffield Corporation Act gave powers to Sheffield City Council to acquire a local airfield.
Nov 1921	The military authorities relinquish the Coal Aston Aerodrome.
Jul 1935	Negotiations with the Air Ministry for an airport in Sheffield.
1936	There were proposals to extend the city boundary to include the aerodrome at Todwick.
Oct 1937	The Air Ministry approved Todwick airport.
Apr 1938	Rumours of a city airport plan to be built at Ecclesfield reported in the <i>Sheffield Telegraph</i> .
Feb 1946	Plans for a helicopter service between Sheffield and Doncaster reported in the <i>Sheffield Telegraph</i> .
1946 - 1947	Lack of air travel facilities widely reported in local newspapers.
1950	Discussions on using the defunct military camp at Redmires as an aerodrome.
1950 - 1952	Numerous reports in local newspapers regarding the possibilities for helicopter services in Sheffield.
Feb 1950	Doncaster and Sheffield seek support from other South Yorkshire towns to secure Doncaster airport as a state airport.
1951	Inquiry into an airport for Sheffield.
1952	Permission for a civil aerodrome at Redmires turned down by the Government.
Oct 1953	Parliamentary debate on the issue of an aerodrome for Sheffield.
1957	Further discussion on using the defunct military camp at Redmires as an aerodrome; there are also proposals for an airport between Norfolk Park and Heeley Bank Road.
1961	Sheffield Council announces proposals for siting of a central helicopter station at Parkwood Springs.
Oct 1961	Plans for a municipal aerodrome at Redmires finally abandoned.
Apr 1965	East Midlands Airport at Castle Donington opened.
1967	Plans for a Sheffield - Rotherham airport at Todwick considered.
1971	An international airport for the northeast of England was considered at Thorne Wastes in West Yorkshire.
1997	Sheffield City Airport opened (at Tinsley near Sheffield Parkway).
2002	Last commercial flights from Sheffield City Airport.
2005	Robin Hood Airport Doncaster Sheffield opened.
Apr 2008	Sheffield City Airport closed.

A selection of images from the collections at Sheffield Archives and Local Studies



SHEFFIELD  
City Airport



Sheffield Aviation Week advertisement and monoplane, 1914 (Picture Sheffield: y06312 and y06294); The Vickers-Vimy Commercial Aeroplane no. K-107, at Coal Aston Aerodrome, 1919 (Picture Sheffield: s15310); Sheffield Takes Off - Sheffield Star souvenir issue, 1998 (Sheffield Local Studies: MP 1264 L); location plan taken from Sheffield Airport Business Parks brochure, 1997 (Local Studies Library ref. MP 5024 M); Sheffield City Airport logo, 1997 (Picture Sheffield: y06343); Coal Aston aerodrome, 1935 (Picture Sheffield: s15136); Advertisement for holidaying in Jersey, from Sheffield Takes Off - Sheffield Star souvenir issue, 1998 (Sheffield Local Studies: MP 1264 L)

## List of documents, books, photographs and other items available at Sheffield Libraries, Archives and Information

### Newspaper reports, etc.

Relevant articles and features may appear in local newspapers. The two main Sheffield newspapers covering the 1950s onwards are the *Sheffield Morning Telegraph* [later *Sheffield Telegraph*] and *The Star*, and these are available on microfilm at Sheffield Local Studies Library. There is a card index covering the 1930s to the 1950s, and from the 1960s onwards there are files of news cuttings arranged by subject.

Archives of some national newspapers are available on the internet, notably *The Times* (<http://archive.timesonline.co.uk>) and *The Guardian* (<http://archive.guardian.co.uk>)

### Photographs

Over 55,000 images from the Sheffield Local Studies Library photographic collection are available to search online at [www.picturesheffield.com](http://www.picturesheffield.com).

### Local Government

The two principal local authorities with an interest in air transport in the region were the Sheffield City Council and the South Yorkshire County Council.

#### Sheffield City Council

A number of Sheffield City Council Committees are worth checking, principally the full Council, 1864 onwards (*Sheffield Archives: CA-MIN and CA-COU*); the Policy Committee, 1966 - 1998 (*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL*); the Parliamentary and General Purposes Committee, 1886 - 1966 (*Sheffield Archives: CA-PTY*); the Planning and Transportation Committee, 1986 - 1991 (*Sheffield Archives: CA-PAT*) and possibly the Transport Committee, 1896 - 1974 (*Sheffield Archives: CA-TMY*).

Sheffield City Council minutes (these are indexed to 1983 only and relevant extracts from the indexes are given below. Minutes after 1983 are worth checking)

- Acquisition of Coal Aston aerodrome and huts, Dec 1919 - Nov 1920 (*Sheffield Archives: CA-MIN/58 pages 122 and 882; also available at Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.02*)
- Buildings at Coal Aston aerodrome, Dec 1920 - Nov 1921 (*Sheffield Archives: CA-MIN/59 pages 364 and 441; also available at Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.02*)
- Sites for municipal aerodrome, Dec 1928 - Nov 1929 (*Sheffield Archives: CA-MIN/67 pages 20 and 635; also available at Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.02*)
- Licence for aerodrome at Coal Aston Estate, Dec 1931 - Nov 1932 (*Sheffield Archives: CA-MIN/70 pages 265 and 346; also available at Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.02*)

- Proposed municipal airport at Norton, Dec 1932 - Nov 1933  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-MIN/71 page 393; also available at Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.02*)
- Civil aviation, Dec 1933 - Nov 1934  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-MIN/72 page 700; also available at Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.02*)
- Proposed municipal aerodrome, Dec 1934 - Nov 1935  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-MIN/73 pages 866, 948-950, 1053, 1054; also available at Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.02*)
- Municipal aerodrome (Todwick and Coal Aston) Dec 1935 - Nov 1936  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-MIN/74 pages 992, 1060, 1061 and 1064; also available at Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.02*)
- Municipal aerodrome; K.L.M. (Royal Dutch Air Lines), suggested invitation to, Dec 1936 - Nov 1937  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-MIN/75 pages 992 and 1064; also available at Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.02*)
- Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation, Jun 1954 - May 1955  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-MIN/92 page 365; also available at Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.02*)
- Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation, communication from, Jun 1958 - May 1959  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-MIN/96 page 908; also available at Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.02*)
- Provision of air transport facilities, Jun 1961 - May 1962  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-MIN/99 page 21 also available at Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.02*)
- Air transport facilities, Jun 1963 - May 1964  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-MIN/101 page 29 also available at Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.02*)
- Todwick Airport project , Jun 1969 - May 1970  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-MIN/107 pages 87 and 156; also available at Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.02*)

Sheffield City Council Policy Committee (these are indexed to 1986 only and relevant extracts from the indexes are given below. Minutes after 1986 are worth checking)

*Information contained in the Policy Committee may be subject to restricted access under the terms of the Data Protection Act; please refer to Sheffield Archives for further advice.*

- Proposed airport at Todwick, Jul 1966 - Dec 1971  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/1*)
- Air transport facilities for Yorkshire, Jan 1972 - Mar 1974  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/2*)
- Proposed air transport facilities at Thorne and Todwick; East Midlands Airport Joint Committee, Dinnington Jul 1966 - May 1969  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/3*)
- Abandonment of Todwick project; site for vertical take off and landing aircraft; helicopter feeder service; inclusion in proposed network of short-haul air services; support for third international airport; letter from Yorkshire

Airport Action Committee re Yeadon Airport, and development of Doncaster Airport, to serve Sheffield, May 1969 - May 1971  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/4*)

- British Air Services Ltd., proposed short-haul network; East Midlands Airport Consultative Committee; Todwick site, planning applications, etc., May 1971 - Mar 1973  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/5*)
- Aircraft Landing Facilities for the City, Mar 1973 - Mar 1974  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/6 pages 64, 100*)
- Airport facilities, Dec 1974 - Dec 1975  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/8 page 89*)
- Airport facilities, Feb 1977 - May 1978  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/10 pages 2 and 100*)
- Yorkshire and Humberside Airport Development Association Ltd., proposed airport Goole Moor, [East Yorkshire], May 1978 - Mar 1979  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/11 page 236*)
- Airports policy statement, May 1979 - Apr 1980 (*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/12 page 225*)
- Airports, meeting at Manchester regarding regional airports, May 1981 - Sep 1982 (*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/14*)
- Stansted airport, proposals for extensions of, Oct 1982 - Apr 1983  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-POL/15 page 63*)

Sheffield City Council City Promotion Committee minutes, Nov 1973 - May 1981 page 34 relates to airport development and page 122 refers to East Midlands Airport promotion  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA-VAC/49*)

Sheffield City Council, Development Department, files on Coal Aston Aerodrome (including the flying exhibition, 1919), 1919 - 1926  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA532/6-8*)

Copy of letter from the Air Ministry to Sheffield Town Clerk regarding the establishing of a municipal aerodrome, 29 Oct 1928 and Report of a meeting regarding the Coal Aston aerodrome site, 29 Jan 1929  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA651/4-5*)

Sheffield City Council, Town Clerk's papers relating to the Coal Aston aerodrome, 1928 and 1931  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA647/32-33*)

Sheffield City Council, Town Clerk's papers relating to the municipal aerodrome site, 1931  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA648/39*)

Sheffield City Council, Town Clerk's files relating to proposed municipal airport / aerodrome for Sheffield, 1930 - 1947  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA670*)

Sheffield City Council, City Engineer's papers relating to airport facilities for Sheffield, 1937 - 1968  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA618/32*)

Sheffield City Council, City Engineer's papers relating to airport facilities for Sheffield, 1950 - 1974  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA627/10-16*)

*Air travel facilities for the City* (Sheffield Parliamentary and General Purposes Committee, Jul 1950)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 5125 M*)

*Air travel facilities for the City* (Sheffield Parliamentary and General Purposes Committee, Oct 1961)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: Local Pamphlets, vol. 17 no. 9 (042 SQ) and vol. 6 no. 13 (042 SSTQ)*)

#### Planning applications submitted to Sheffield City Council

Sheffield City Airport planning applications, 1990  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA2006/1990/8066 and CA206/1990/1462*)

Tinsley Park airport planning applications, 1995  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA206/1995/487 and CA206/1995/8177*)

Sheffield City Airport planning application - variations, 1995  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA206/1995/1057 and 8086*)

Sheffield City Airport Europa Link planning applications, 2004 - 2005  
(*Sheffield Archives: CA206/2004/27 and CA206/2006/4338*)

Sheffield City Council planning files regarding Tinsley Park and Airport, c. 1970s - 1980s  
(*Sheffield Archives: 2001/66 box 31*)

#### South Yorkshire County Council

South Yorkshire County Council was in existence from 1974 until 1986. Its committees would also have considered air transport matters. It is worth checking the full Council (*Sheffield Archives: SYCC-MIN*) and committees such as Policy, Planning, Passenger Transport and Environment (*Sheffield Archives: SYCC*).

South Yorkshire County Council business air travel survey: [second report], 1984  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 387.71 SSTQ*)

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*Norton in wartime: an account of life during wartime in a village on the southern boundary of Sheffield* (Norton History Group, 1995) (includes reference to Coal Aston Aerodrome and RAF Norton)

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Oral history recording - Mrs M. Green recalls the aerodrome at Norton, 1980s

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Platts, T. L., *Ridgeway village; the celebrated Moss Valley; Beauchief Abbey; Norton, 1990s* (includes reference to Coal Aston Aerodrome)

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Allonby, Paul, *A History of Coal Aston Airfield, c. 1977*

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 6019 (A)*)

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(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 1497 L*)

Inspection by Major-General Sir F. Gordon, commanding North Eastern Area, R.A.F., 1918 (Coal Aston Aerodrome)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 6149 M*)

Vickers Ltd. and Sheffield City Council Development Committee, *Aerial Transport, 1919* [leaflet advocating a regular air service]

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 2852 S*)

Abercrombie, L. P, Sir, *Sheffield and District Regional Planning Scheme* (Liverpool University Press, 1931)

(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 914.274 SQ*)

Letter from T. W. Hall after the City Council's decision not to build an aerodrome at Coal Aston, 1933  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: newspaper cuttings relating to Sheffield, vol. 30, page 38 (942.74 SQ microfilm)*)

Plan of Firbeck Hall Country Club, [Rotherham], showing site of aerodrome, 1938  
(*Sheffield Archives: HCD/Box 121/6/17*)

Note on air travel facilities for the city in *Civic Record*, Jul 1950 (page 1)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 352.04 SQ*)

Correspondence and papers concerning proposal by Sheffield City Council to develop site near Lodge Moor Hospital, at former Redmires Prisoner of War camp, as an airfield, 1950 - 1952  
(*Sheffield Archives: NHS27/3/10/12*)

Sheffield Chamber of Commerce, correspondence relating to commercial aviation and airports, 1960 - 1968  
*Access to these papers is restricted. Please contact Sheffield Archives for further advice.*  
(*Sheffield Archives: LD2424 and LD2425*)

Sheffield Council announces proposals for siting of a central helicopter station at Parkwood Springs in *Sheffield Forward*, vol. 6 no. 269, Nov 1961  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 331.88 SF*)

Short article on proposed airport at Todwick in *Voice of Sheffield Industry*, Dec 1965 (page 26)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 380 SF*)

Article on proposed airfields in the Sheffield area in Council for the Preservation of Rural England (Sheffield and Peak District Branch) annual report, Apr 1966 (page 16)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 914.251 S*)

Article on the failure of other regional airports in *Voice of Yorkshire and Humberside Industry*, Jul 1966 (pages 17-18)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 380 SF*)

Article on the proposed airport at Todwick, suggesting its use as an air freight port in *Sheffield Forward*, Jul 1966 (pages 4-5)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 331.88 SF*)

Article on the necessity of speeding up the selection of a site for an airport in Sheffield, ?1960s  
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Alan Stratford and Associates, *1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim Report on Airport requirements*, 1966  
(Sheffield Archives: STR/TRANS)

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Turner, D., letter objecting to the reports on the commercial prospects and proposed development of an airport at Todwick, 1967  
(Sheffield Local Studies Library: MP 1461 M)

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Details of Sheffield Chamber of Commerce's press statement on an airport in *Quality of Sheffield*, vol. 14 no. 4, Apr 1967 (page 29)  
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Proposal to build a regional airport and develop it in stages in *Quality of Sheffield*, vol. 18 no. 6, Jun 1971  
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(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 380 SQ*)

Notes supporting the case for a proposed airport at Thorne (Doncaster) in *Quality of Sheffield*, vol. 18 no. 9, Sep 1971  
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(*Sheffield Archives: MET/TRANS*)

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(*Sheffield Archives: MPB/1/26, 38, 46 and MPB/3/84*)

Notes on proposals for a South Yorkshire airport in *South Yorkshire Sunday Times*, 17 and 24 Sep 1978  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library: 072.74 SF*)

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Short article about Sheffield Airport in *Tinsley Newsletter*, Sep/Oct 1987 (page 2)  
(*Sheffield Local Studies Library*: 352.04 SQ)

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(*Sheffield Local Studies Library*: 387.736 SQ)

Sheffield City Airport Ltd. *Open Air* newsletters No. 1 and 2 [1997]  
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(*Sheffield Local Studies Library*: 309.26 SQ)

BBC Radio Sheffield recording - proposed site at Thorne Waste for an international airport rejected; Bourne Moor suggested as an alternative, 1980s  
(*Sheffield Archives*: SY425/7206/4 band 2)

BBC Radio Sheffield recording - why Sheffield should have its own airport; interview with Frank Hooley MP, 1980s  
(*Sheffield Archives*: SY425/7305/7 band 5)

BBC Radio Sheffield recording - idea to set up helicopter service for Sheffield, mainly to help businesses, 1980s  
(*Sheffield Archives: SY425/7411/4 band 2*)

BBC Radio Sheffield recording - opposition to a proposal for a heliport at Doncaster, 1980s  
(*Sheffield Archives: SY425/8203/11 band 10*)

BBC Radio Sheffield recording - site for airport in Doncaster may be lost to leisure centre, 1980s  
(*Sheffield Archives: SY425/8311/11*)

BBC Radio Sheffield recording - Councillor Thwaites is hopeful that an airport may be established near Catcliffe; Director of Doncaster Airport wants improvements in aviation, 1980s  
(*Sheffield Archives: SY425/8312/2 band 3*)

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(*Sheffield Archives: SY425/8602/9 band 2*)

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(*Sheffield Archives: SY425/6811/4 band 5*)

BBC Radio Sheffield recording - Tinsley Park Golf Club under threat as it is the proposed site for an airport  
(*Sheffield Archives: SY425/week 7 1988*)

BBC Radio Sheffield recording, residents in Sheffield and Rotherham take part in noise level tests in relation to proposed airport at Tinsley, 19 Sep 1988  
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Details of the proposal to site an airport in Sheffield and the possible effects on the communities surrounding the area in *Sheffield City Press*, 30 Jan 1989 (page 6)  
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The National Archives (TNA) holds records of central government departments and agencies. You can search the TNA catalogue online at [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk). There are Ministry of Aviation and Board of Trade files on proposals to establish a civil airport near Sheffield, 1934 - 1952 (ref. AVIA 2/756, AVIA 2/1201, AVIA 2/2616 and BT 247/138).

Information on the East Midlands airport at Castle Donington (in Leicestershire) may be available at [Leicestershire Record Office](#), [Nottinghamshire Archives](#) and [Derbyshire Record Office](#).

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