

Airports in Public Ownership:

My proof of evidence provided examples of some airports that are in public ownership in paragraph 12.26 on numbered page 43 and footnote 172 on page 44.

The list was not meant to be exhaustive, but was provided from my knowledge of airports having worked for some of the 'owners' of the airports. The extended list below provides more examples than had been included in my proof of evidence.

1. Biggin Hill Airport is owned by the London Borough of Bromley,
2. Blackpool Airport is owned by Blackpool Council,
3. Bournemouth Airport is owned by BCP Council (formerly Christchurch BC),
4. Brighton City Airport (Shoreham) is owned by Brighton and Hove City Council,
5. Cardiff Airport is wholly owned by the Welsh Government,
6. Carlisle Airport is owned by Carlisle City Council,
7. Cornwall Airport (Newquay) is owned by Cornwall Council,
8. Coventry Airport is owned by Coventry City Council,
9. Glasgow Prestwick Airport is wholly owned by the Scottish Government,
10. Highlands and Islands Airports Limited (HIAL) is wholly owned by Scottish Ministers and owns 11 airports in Scotland (Barra, Benbecula, Campbeltown, Dundee, Inverness, Islay, Kirkwall, Stornoway, Sumburgh, Tiree and Wick John O'Groats),
11. Oban Airport is owned by Argyll and Bute Council,
12. Plymouth City Airport is owned by Plymouth City Council,
13. Southend Airport is owned by Southend Borough Council,
14. Teesside International Airport is wholly owned by the Tees Valley Combined Authority,
15. Manchester, Stansted and East Midlands Airports have 64.5% local authority ownership (Manchester City Council has a 35.5% stake, IFM Investors 35.5%, nine other metropolitan borough councils 29%),
16. 51% of Newcastle Airport is owned by seven local authorities in the north-east (49% by AMP capital),
17. 49% of Birmingham Airport is owned by seven West Midlands metropolitan boroughs (48.25% Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan, 2.75% employees),
18. 19.9% of Norwich Airport is owned by Norfolk County Council and Norwich City Council (rest by Regional and City Airports [part of the Rigby Group])
19. Devon County Council own a minority share in Exeter Airport (Regional and City Airports are the major shareholder since 2007)

The Councils in many cases have leased the airports to companies that operate them (such as Esken [formerly part of the Stobart Group] that operates Carlisle and Southend, or Regional and City Airports that operate Bournemouth and Coventry).