

## **GIBA Statement on New Aurigny Routes**

David Oxburgh, GIBA Chair says:

“GIBA is delighted that Aurigny is re-entering the Guernsey to Jersey route and will also offer a twice-daily service to Southampton. The increased frequency of flights on these routes, together with having a choice of carrier, is to be welcomed.

“Business and leisure travellers have regularly called for more rotations, particularly to Jersey, so islanders will need to decide whether to support the new routes by travelling more; otherwise these improvements will only be for the short term.

“As well as our ‘lifeline’ services to Gatwick and the new Heathrow service, we shouldn’t forget the new Blue Islands service to London Southend starting at the end of May - which provides cheap and relatively easy rail access to the City, as well as to the London Stratford gateway and the nearby sporting, retail and leisure attractions.

"However, the ‘use it or lose it’ mantra applies to most, if not all, of the new flights announced over the last few weeks. We urge everyone to utilise these new airlinks, travel more and use Guernsey's wider range of flights, or we cannot expect this improved connectivity to be sustainable."