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### Could early morning drinking at airports be banned?

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Breakfast airport drinking could soon be a thing of the past

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Many of us would probably confess to having a cheeky pint or two before heading off to sunnier climes on holiday - even if it's early in the morning.

But breakfast drinking at airports could soon be a thing of the past.



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Peers in the House of Lords want to crack down on airport boozing - as alcohol-related incidents on planes are becoming increasingly common.

The Manchester Evening News reports (<http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/breakfast-drinking-airports-banned-12867606>) that members of the Lords select committee stated: "No one travelling on an international flight can fail to notice that, once they have gone through customs, control of the sale of alcohol seems to be relaxed, and the permitted hours even more so."

Read more: Passenger dragged off overbooked plane - so what ARE your rights? (<http://www.nottinghampost.com/national-pub-bar-awards-names-this-hidden-gem-the-best-in-nottinghamshire/story-30262802-detail/story.html>)

One airline made a submission to the committee, saying morning drinking is causing increasing problems in the terminal and in the air.

It said the "number of incidents where the passenger fails to respect the rules of conduct at an airport or on board an aircraft have risen significantly".

Tell us what you think by voting in our poll below.

# Early morning airport drinking

Should early morning drinking at airports be banned?

YES

NO

SUBMIT

Baroness McIntosh, the chair of the committee, said such happenings "can lead to dangerous situations and must be changed."

Airports are not subject to the same licensing laws as the rest of the country, which prohibits the sale of alcohol before 9am.

At East Midlands Airport, retail outlets are open from as early as 5am.

In July last year, aviation minister Lord Ahmad vowed to look at what more could be done to make air travel "safe and secure", just days after a flight from East Midlands Airport (<http://www.nottinghampost.com/east-midlands-airport>) was diverted to Portugal after a rowdy passenger disrupted a trip to Gran Canaria.

The passenger was handed over to authorities after he started drinking his own alcohol and verbally abused people on board.

**Read more: Here are the most popular holiday destinations from East Midlands Airport (<http://www.nottinghampost.com/here-are-the-most-popular-holiday-destinations-from-east-midlands-airport/story-30261686-detail/story.html#zyq9ssmf24vx4rGL.99>)**

At the time, East Midlands Airport said it had no plans to review its alcohol sales (<http://www.nottinghampost.com/could-east-midlands-airport-review-alcohol-sales-over-boozy-passengers/story-29568150-detail/story.html>).

A spokesman told the Post that their stance hadn't changed.

The spokesman said: "We work closely with all of our partners, including the police and on-site bars and restaurants, to minimise disruptive behaviour on site.

"The safety and security of all of our passengers and staff is of paramount importance and is our number one priority."

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