

RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC  
Form 6-K  
August 20, 2008

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 6-K**

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of August, 2008

**RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC**  
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**c/o Ryanair Ltd Corporate Head Office  
Dublin Airport  
County Dublin Ireland**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes ..... No ..X..

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RYANAIR  
WELCOMES COMPETITION COMMISSION'S  
CALL  
TO BREAKUP  
BAA  
AIRPORT  
MONOPOLY

Ryanair,  
Britain's

largest  
passenger  
airline

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today (  
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)  
welcomed  
the  
UK

Competition Commission's  
recommend

ation for the breakup of the BAA monopoly over the London airports  
, which will result in the three main airports, Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted, being able to compete against each  
other to provide low cost, efficient facilities and also lower prices and better services for consumers.

Ryanair has long called for the breakup of this abusive monopoly, which ignores the needs of airlines and the travelling public and charges rip off prices for abysmal services.

The  
Competition Commission's  
Preliminary Report confirm

s  
that  
this monopoly has been bad for competition and bad for consumers. It also confirms that the  
CAA has failed to  
properly regulate  
the  
BAA  
monopoly  
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Ryanair

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on the UK Government to implement the C  
ompetition Commission  
's recommendations  
and break  
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up the BAA monopoly  
as soon as possible.

**Speaking today in London,  
Ryanair's  
Director  
of  
Legal &  
Regulatory Affairs**

,  
**Jim Callaghan,**  
said:

"  
*Ryanair  
welcomes the Competition Commission's comprehensive report into the market power of the BAA monopoly and fully  
endorses its findings.*

*Competition works - monopolies don't.*

*BAA  
's*

*monopoly  
control over*

*the  
London airport  
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*has  
been  
highly  
detrimental to competition and consumers*

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BAA ha  
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*long ignored the needs of its airline users and the travelling public and provided inefficient, gold plated facilities,  
encouraged by an ineffectual regulator  
, the CAA*

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Stansted is now the most expensive, by  
a considerable  
margin, of Ryanair's over 150 airports around Europe. BAA's plans to waste  
a further  
£4bln. on a second terminal and runway at Stansted, when such facilities could be built for  
a fraction of that cost*

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is further evidence of their abus  
ive monopoly  
and will lead to even higher prices for consumers.*

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The C  
C today confirmed its earlier findings that:*

*a)  
The BAA's monopoly ownership of Edinburgh and Glasgow airports has adversely affected competition.*

*b)  
The BAA's monopoly ownership of Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted airports has adversely affected competition.*

*c)  
The way BAA has conducted its business has adversely affected competition.*

*d)  
The inadequate regulatory regime operated by the CAA has adversely affected competition.*

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Monopolies clearly don't work and the BAA monopoly has done huge damage to competition and the travelling public  
and it is high time  
it was broken*

*up. Competition in the airline industry has brought huge benefits to consumers and this can be replicated at the main London airports.*

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*We  
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*s recommendations as soon as possible and*

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*break up the BAA monopoly in the interest of competition and consumers*

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Ends.

Wednesday, 20

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August 2008

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## **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC

Date: 20 August 2008

By: \_\_\_/s/ James Callaghan\_\_\_

James Callaghan  
Company Secretary & Finance Director