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Gatwick Airport Consultative Committee

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## **Baggage delays and Gatwick's future on the Agenda**

Baggage handling delays and the responses to Gatwick Airport's consultation on its second runway plans are on the agenda for the next meeting of GATCOM, the Gatwick Airport Consultative Committee.

GATCOM will consider a report by its Passenger Advisory Group on the significant delays experienced in baggage delivery and what's being done by GAL to work with the airlines and the handling agents to improve the situation, especially before the busy summer peak.

Gatwick Airport Limited (GAL) will report on the responses received to its recent consultation on its proposed options for a second runway. This will be the first time that the responses have been released and discussed in public. Representatives from the Airports Commission will also be present to give details of its work in considering proposals for new runway capacity.

**The GATCOM meeting is being held on Thursday July 24, at the Hilton Hotel, South Terminal, Gatwick from 2pm and is open to the public to observe proceedings.**

A busy agenda also includes the committee hearing from Gatwick about how it intends to improve surface access to accommodate growth at the airport. GAL has suggested that it wants 60% of its customers to use public transport – a target that GATCOM very much supports.

GATCOM will also look at how communities and residents will be affected by proposed changes to the management of Gatwick airspace and will consider its response to the second stage of the London Airspace Change consultation.

GATCOM Chairman Dr John Godfrey said: "We have a busy and interesting agenda for our next meeting.

"It seems as though Gatwick is in the news most weeks at the moment. We will be discussing very topical issues that should be of great interest to people living in and around Gatwick.

"We are keen to ensure as many people as possible are involved in any consultations relating to changes at Gatwick, whether that be runway capacity or

changes to flight paths, and we will press those concerned to ensure that delays to baggage delivery are sorted out before the height of the summer season."

The full agenda can be read on GATCOM's website at [www.gatcom.org.uk](http://www.gatcom.org.uk)

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## NOTES TO EDITORS

GATCOM has 28 appointed representatives from a wide range of interests including local authorities, civil aviation, passenger, business and community and environmental groups. A Government representative is also present at the main GATCOM meetings, together with Gatwick Airport's Chief Executive and his senior management team.

### WHAT GATCOM DOES:

SEEKS to build interest, communication and understanding between the airport and its users, local residents and the business community.

CONSIDERS airport issues concerned with the environment, surface access, employment, the economy and the circumstances of local communities.

WORKS with the airport to secure a sustainable development strategy.

WORKS to protect and enhance the interests of passengers and other users of the airport.

CONSIDERS and comments on matters referred to it by Gatwick Airport Ltd.

CONSIDERS and responds to consultations from Government and other sources that are material to the operation and future development of the airport.

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