



Gatwick Airport Consultative Committee

GATCOM NEWSLETTER **12 October 2020**

NEW PUBLICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Global Travel Taskforce

DfT 07/10/20

<https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/global-travel-taskforce>

Testing Commitment Welcome First Step But Government Must Implement A System As Quickly As Possible

Airport Operators' Association – statement 07/10/20

<https://www.aoa.org.uk/testing-commitment-welcome-first-step-but-government-must-implement-a-system-as-quickly-as-possible/>

Union connectivity review

DfT - Written statement to Parliament 05/10/20

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/union-connectivity-review>

Union connectivity review: terms of reference

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/union-connectivity-review-terms-of-reference/union-connectivity-review-terms-of-reference>

Better understanding of link between noise and health needed

ICCAN 06/10/20

<https://iccan.gov.uk/better-understanding-between-noise-and-health-needed/>

New survey on people's experiences of aviation noise during lockdown

ICCAN 08/10/20

<https://iccan.gov.uk/news-aviation-noise-lockdown-survey/>

Prepare for lift-off: Jet Zero Council to deliver carbon-free flight Jet Zero Council launches with aim of zero-emission flight by 2050

Department for Transport, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, and Robert Courts MP – 25/09/2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prepare-for-lift-off-jet-zero-council-to-deliver-carbon-free-flight>

Further details on the Jet Zero Council:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/jet-zero-council>

AEF Publishes Guide To UK Airport Planning Applications And Current Expansions

AEF – 23/09/2020

<https://www.aef.org.uk/uk-airport-expansions-september-update/>

Taking a lead from migrating geese to build back better

NATS Blog 22/09/20

<https://nats.aero/blog/2020/09/taking-a-lead-from-migrating-geese-to-build-back-better/>

GATCOM Meeting 15/10/20 - Agenda

[Agenda papers document pack](#)

NEWS HEADLINES

Taskforce for safe return to global travel launched

DfT 07/10/20

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/taskforce-for-safe-return-to-global-travel-launched>

UK government launches taskforce to support travel industry's recovery

International Airport Review 09/10/20

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/139067/uk-government-taskforce-support-travel-industry-recovery/>

ABTA responds to Government's announcement on the Global Travel Taskforce and testing

ABTA press release 07/10/20

<https://www.abta.com/news/abta-responds-governments-announcement-global-travel-taskforce-and-testing>

Global Travel Taskforce a step forward, but urgent action needed

Abta Press Release 08/10/20

<https://www.abta.com/news/global-travel-taskforce-step-forward-urgent-action-needed>

Greek islands of Lesvos, Santorini, Serifos, Tinos and Zakynthos added to travel corridor list

DfT 08/10/20

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/greek-islands-of-lesvos-santorini-serifos-tinos-and-zakynthos-added-to-travel-corridor-list>

Fresh blow for travel as Italy demands negative Covid test for UK tourists

TravelMole 08/10/20

https://www.travelmole.com/news_feature.php?news_id=2044606&c=setreg®ion=2

Chancellor poised to unveil extension to furlough scheme

Travelmole 09/10/20

https://www.travelmole.com/news_feature.php?news_id=2044616&c=setreg®ion=2

Gatwick: Job loss fears as tax-free airport sales axed

BBC – 29/09/2020

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-sussex-54346402>

GAL PRESS RELEASES, EVENTS AND UPDATES

Gatwick Airport to introduce charges for vehicles using its forecourts next year

Press Release 05/10/2020

- Revenue will be used to help the airport recover and preserve jobs from the economic impact of the COVID-19 crisis
- Traffic congestion and emissions at Gatwick and surrounding areas also likely to reduce
- Gatwick plans to look at solutions for those who regularly drop off and pick up at the South Terminal each day to access to the train station which includes many local residents

[Read more here](#) ...

Section 106 agreement Annual Monitoring Report 2019

The Section 106 agreement defines how Gatwick's operation, growth and environmental impacts will be managed responsibly and ensures that its wider sustainability strategy is aligned with local authority partners. Performance against the Section 106 agreement is

reported in the Section 106 Annual Monitoring Report which covers Gatwick's actions to fulfil its obligations and commitments

[Click here to see](#) the results of the 2019 Annual Monitoring.

GATWICK NEWS

Norwegian Air set to close Gatwick short-haul base

City AM 09/10/10

<https://www.cityam.com/norwegian-air-set-to-close-gatwick-short-haul-base/>

Norwegian Looks To Cut Gatwick Workforce By A Quarter

TTG Media 12/10/20

<https://www.ttgmedia.com/news/norwegian-looks-to-cut-gatwick-workforce-by-a-quarter-25478>

EasyJet reports first-ever annual loss in 25 years

BTN Europe 08/10/20

https://www.businesstravelnewseurope.com/Air-Travel/easyJet-reports-first-ever-annual-loss-in-25-years?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=eltrbtneurope

Gatwick to charge £5 drop-off fee to 'help the airport continue its recovery'

The Independent 06/10/20

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/gatwick-airport-passenger-drop-fee-b808162.html>

Gatwick Airport set to introduce new fee for passenger drop offs

The Points Guy 07/10/20

<https://thepointsguy.co.uk/news/lgw-drop-off-fee/>

London Gatwick airport: waiver agreement on financial covenants

Globe News Wire – 22/09/2020

<https://www.globenewswire.com/news-release/2020/09/22/2097507/0/en/London-Gatwick-airport-waiver-agreement-on-financial-covenants.html>

London Gatwick Airport is Certified as a 3-Star COVID-19 Airport

Skytrax – 28/09/2020

<https://skytraxratings.com/london-gatwick-airport-is-certified-as-a-3-star-covid-19-airport>

The Surrey town being devastated by the slowdown in flights at Gatwick

Get Surrey 06/10/20

<https://www.getsurrey.co.uk/news/surrey-news/surrey-town-being-devastated-slowdown-19053862>

OTHER NEWS

ABTA and Shapps

BT News 05/10/20

<https://www.btnews.co.uk/article/16698>

UK government must give 'tailored support to travel industry'

BTN Europe 05/10/20

https://www.businesstravelnewseurope.com/Management/UK-government-must-give-tailored-support-to-travel-industry-?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=eltrbtneurope

IATA warns 'darker outlook' as traffic goes into reverse

Travel Weekly – 29/09/2020

<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/387608/iata-warns-darker-outlook-as-traffic-goes-into-reverse>

Global co-ordinated approach to Covid travel recovery urged

Travel Weekly – 28/09/2020

<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/387435/global-co-ordinated-approach-to-covid-travel-recovery-urged>

Lack Of Action Risks The Demise Of UK Aviation - AOA Chief Executive Karen Dee following the Chancellor's statement unveiling the Winter Economic Plan

AOA – 24/09/2020

<https://www.aoa.org.uk/lack-of-action-risks-the-demise-of-uk-aviation/>

Coronavirus: Almost 900 Manchester Airports Group job cuts

BBC 08/10/20

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-manchester-54452208>

One quarter of UK holidaymakers now overpaying for airport parking

Travel Daily Media 06/10/20

<https://www.traveldailymedia.com/one-quarter-of-uk-holidaymakers-now-overpaying-for-airport-parking/>

IATA claims only one in 27 million air passengers develop Covid in flight

Travelmole 08/10/20

https://www.travelmole.com/news_feature.php?news_id=2044611&c=setreg®ion=2

Wetherspoon to slash up to 450 jobs across airport portfolio

Big Hospitality 22/09/20 r

[HTTPS://WWW.BIGHOSPITALITY.CO.UK/ARTICLE/2020/09/22/WETHERSPOON-TO-SLASH-450-JOBS-ACROSS-AIRPORT-PUB-PORTFOLIO](https://www.bighospitality.co.uk/article/2020/09/22/wetherspoon-to-slash-450-jobs-across-airport-pub-portfolio)

Airport Covid testing could start within weeks, says Heathrow chief

The Guardian 01/10/20

<https://www.theguardian.com/travel/2020/oct/01/airport-covid-testing-could-start-within-weeks-says-heathrow-chief>

The case for airport coronavirus testing, and why it matters

National Geographic 25/09/20

<https://www.nationalgeographic.co.uk/travel/2020/09/airport-coronavirus-testing>

Virgin Atlantic Rolls Out Airport COVID-19 Testing For Crew

Simple flying 05/10/20

<https://simpleflying.com/virgin-atlantic-crew-covid-tests/>

Strategising airport operations for the new norm

International Airport Review 08/10/20

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/article/138466/strategising-airport-operations-new-norm/>

Heathrow Airport Third Runway Delayed To 2030 At The Earliest

The Independent 09/10/20

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/heathrow-airport-third-runway-appeal-delay-2030-supreme-court-b908330.html>

Why this space age airplane could change flying forever

CNN 03/10/20

<https://edition.cnn.com/travel/article/airbus-zero-emissions-concept-plane/index.html>

Air bp delivers 210 tonnes of sustainable aviation fuel

Biofuels International 29/09/20

<https://biofuels-news.com/news/air-bp-delivers-210-tonnes-of-sustainable-aviation-fuel/>

'Zero emissions' hydrogen plane test was part powered by fossil fuels

New Scientist 30/09/20

<https://www.newscientist.com/article/2255751-zero-emissions-hydrogen-plane-test-was-part-powered-by-fossil-fuels/#ixzz6aNhPINKD>

Budget airline Norwegian could be nationalised.....

Air 101 – 30/09/20

[https://www.air101.co.uk/2020/09/budget-airline-norwegian-could-be.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+co/fMxO+\(Air101\)](https://www.air101.co.uk/2020/09/budget-airline-norwegian-could-be.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+co/fMxO+(Air101))

Inside the airline industry's meltdown

Guardian – 29/09/2020

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/sep/29/inside-the-airline-industry-meltdown-coronavirus-pandemic>

Statement from the OECS heads of Government on the imperative of airport testing of travellers

The Voice – 29/09/2020

<https://www.voice-online.co.uk/lifestyle/travel/2020/09/29/statement-from-the-oecs-heads-of-government-on-the-imperative-of-airport-testing-of-travellers/>

Menzies Aviation dives to loss as coronavirus hammers air traffic

City AM – 29/09/2020

<https://www.cityam.com/menzies-aviation-dives-to-loss-as-coronavirus-hammers-air-traffic/>

Air Passenger Duty To Rise By 2.5% In 2021 Despite Aviation Industry Struggles

Independent – 30/09/2020

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/air-passenger-duty-rise-flight-tax-uk-medium-long-haul-b696802.html>

EasyJet denies union rep's reported claim that airline 'hanging by a thread'

AOL – 26/09/2020

<https://www.aol.co.uk/news/2020/09/26/easyjet-denies-union-repa-s-reported-claim-that-airline-a-hang/>

EU proposes more efficient air traffic management to reduce emissions

Energy Live News – 23/09/2020

<https://www.energylivenews.com/2020/09/23/eu-proposes-more-efficient-air-traffic-management-to-reduce-emissions/>

'Commercially available' hydrogen plane takes flight

Engineering & Technology – 25/09/2020

<https://eandt.theiet.org/content/articles/2020/09/commercially-available-hydrogen-plane-takes-flight/>