



Gatwick Airport Consultative Committee

## **GATCOM NEWSLETTER 21 DECEMBER 2020**

### **LIVE CONSULTATIONS**

#### **DfT Consultation: Night flight restrictions at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted airports between 2022 and 2024 plus future night flight policy**

Closing date: 03/03/21

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/night-flight-restrictions-at-heathrow-gatwick-and-stansted-airports-between-2022-and-2024-plus-future-night-flight-policy>

#### **DfT Consultation: Union connectivity review: call for evidence**

Closing date: 30/12/2020

[https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/union-connectivity-review-call-for-evidence?utm\\_source=8abcd2a4-8e55-40f1-904d-f1b7e1a634f6&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/union-connectivity-review-call-for-evidence?utm_source=8abcd2a4-8e55-40f1-904d-f1b7e1a634f6&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

### **NEW PUBLICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Passenger travel to the EU by air, rail or sea from 1 January 2021**

DfT Guidance 20/12/20

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/passenger-travel-to-the-eu-by-air-rail-or-sea-from-1-january-2021>

#### **UK and US sign aviation agreement to protect vital travel links**

DfT 17/11/20

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-us-sign-aviation-agreement-to-protect-vital-travel-links>

#### **Test to Release for International Travel goes live**

DfT 15/12/20

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/test-to-release-for-international-travel-goes-live>

#### **The Sixth Carbon Budget The UK's path to Net Zero**

Climate Change Committee – December 2020

<https://www.theccc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/The-Sixth-Carbon-Budget-The-UKs-path-to-Net-Zero.pdf>

#### **National Infrastructure Strategy: Fairer, faster, greener**

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/938049/NIS\\_final\\_web\\_single\\_page.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/938049/NIS_final_web_single_page.pdf)

#### **UK Aviation CEOs Write to the Prime Minister Calling for Aviation Decarbonisation to be at the Heart of a Green Economic Recovery**

Sustainable Aviation – 16/11/2020

<https://www.sustainableaviation.co.uk/news/uk-aviation-ceos-write-to-the-prime-minister-calling-for-aviation-decarbonisation-to-be-at-the-heart-of-a-green-economic-recovery/>

See also a [letter written](#) by a coalition of environmental & community groups in response to Sustainable Aviation's letter.

## **Strategic Priorities for the UK Civil Aviation Authority**

CAA – 03/12/2020

<https://www.caa.co.uk/News/Correspondence--Strategic-Priorities-for-the-UK-Civil-Aviation-Authority/>

## **CAP1978: Airport Accessibility Report 2019/2020**

Full report:

<http://publicapps.caa.co.uk/modalapplication.aspx?catid=1&pagetype=65&appid=11&mode=detail&id=9874&filter=2>

Press release:

<https://www.caa.co.uk/News/UK-Civil-Aviation-Authority-reports-on-accessibility-progress-at-UK-airports/>

## **CAP1991: Procedure for the CAA to review the classification of airspace**

CAA – 30/11/2020

<https://publicapps.caa.co.uk/modalapplication.aspx?appid=11&mode=detail&id=9865>

## **ICCAN best practice for engagement between airports and communities on aviation noise**

ICCAN – December 2020

[https://iccan.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/02\\_ICCAN\\_Best\\_Practice\\_Engagement.pdf](https://iccan.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/02_ICCAN_Best_Practice_Engagement.pdf)

## **Report of the Global Travel Taskforce: presented to the Prime Minister by the Secretaries of State for Transport and for Health and Social Care**

DfT – 24/11/2020

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/937938/report-of-the-global-travel-taskforce.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/937938/report-of-the-global-travel-taskforce.pdf)

## **How to find the silver lining in some of our clouds**

NATS blog – 24/11/2020

<https://nats.aero/blog/2020/11/how-to-find-the-silver-lining-in-some-of-our-clouds/>

## **Adapting to change: Our digital approach to airspace consultation**

NATS blog – 19/11/2020

<https://nats.aero/blog/2020/11/adapting-to-change-our-digital-approach-to-airspace-consultation/>

## **Airport Health Measures Audit Programme**

**ACI – 11/2020**

[https://aci.aero/about-aci/priorities/health/airport-health-measures-audit-programme/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=media\\_release&utm\\_campaign=pr&utm\\_content=20201123&\\_cldee=cmViZWVjYWNveEBoY2ViLm9yZy51aw%3d%3d&recipientid=lead-880a033d1be2ea11a813000d3af3a14a-5e41245d8d524964b43b73a1a6d49e8f&esid=58c26542-9e2a-eb11-a813-000d3af3a7a7](https://aci.aero/about-aci/priorities/health/airport-health-measures-audit-programme/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=media_release&utm_campaign=pr&utm_content=20201123&_cldee=cmViZWVjYWNveEBoY2ViLm9yZy51aw%3d%3d&recipientid=lead-880a033d1be2ea11a813000d3af3a14a-5e41245d8d524964b43b73a1a6d49e8f&esid=58c26542-9e2a-eb11-a813-000d3af3a7a7)

## **AEF Welcomes New Chair And Talks Airport Expansion At 2020 AGM**

AEF – 15/12/2020

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2020/12/15/aef-welcomes-new-chair-and-talks-airport-expansion-at-2020-agm/>

## **International Civil Aviation Day**

CAA Blog – 07/12/2020

<https://www.caa.co.uk/Blog-Posts/International-Civil-Aviation-Day/>

## **Coronavirus (COVID-19): travel corridors**

DfT 19/12/20

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors>

## **GAL PRESS RELEASES, EVENTS AND UPDATES**

### **New COVID-19 screening service launches at Gatwick Airport**

**Press release 20/11/2020**

- Pre-departure and post arrival ExpressTest COVID-19 screening will be available for Gatwick passengers, staff and local residents with results available the next day.
- The screening facility could also satisfy post arrival requirements for the Government's expected "test and release" scheme to ease travel restrictions and quarantine.
- The cost for Gatwick's air passengers and on-airport staff will be a subsidised rate of £60 and for the general public £99. The Centre booking portal goes live on Friday, 27th November with first appointments available from Monday, 30th November.

[Read more ...](#)

### **Gatwick Airport sees heightened demand for festive flights as airport takes further steps to increase passenger confidence**

**Press Release 15/12/20**

- Gatwick is expecting up to 200 flights a day over the festive period, with a welcome increase in passenger demand after the second national lockdown.
- Passengers will be able to fly to a range of short and long-haul destinations over Christmas, with top destinations including Dublin, Geneva, and Tenerife.
- Gatwick has increased the number of security lanes fitted with innovative UV light technology, guaranteeing a 99.9% microbe disinfection rate – so all passengers benefit from COVID-19 free trays – a 'high-touch' surface area.
- The Government's 'test and release' system and reduction in overall quarantine time will give passengers more confidence in flying to destinations not on the travel corridor list – including the Canary Islands.

Gatwick Airport is expecting to see a significant increase in passengers travelling over the Christmas period, with up to 200 flights a day forecast to operate to and from the London airport, with top destinations including Dublin, Geneva and Tenerife.

While typically Gatwick would normally see more than 700 flights a day during this time, the increase in demand following the second national lockdown is positive news for the aviation industry over the festive period.

The increase in flights coincides with the Government's new test to release system, which comes into operation today (15 December) - reducing self-isolation restrictions for those arriving from non-exempt destinations, including the Canary Islands - if they have a negative result from a COVID-19 test after five days. This is in addition to the Government announcement that overall quarantine time has been reduced from 14 to 10 days.

Stewart Wingate, CEO, Gatwick Airport, said: "We know the demand for international travel is strong, especially as we approach the festive period. It is vital for the recovery of the aviation industry that we make travelling during the pandemic as safe and easy as possible.

"With our airlines increasing flying schedules to meet this demand, we expect to see many more passengers travelling through Gatwick than over the past couple of months and we are doing all we can to offer passengers a greater level of reassurance.

"Passengers are able to book COVID-19 PCR screening at Gatwick or of course use other providers away from the airport if they want to get away this Christmas. In addition, expanding the provision of UV technology across more security lanes in the North Terminal is yet another innovative step we have taken in helping protect passengers at Gatwick Airport."

Over the coming weeks, easyJet will be operating up to 75 departures a day from Gatwick, while Wizz, TUI, British Airways, Turkish Airlines, Qatar Airways and Aurigny have also resumed operations. WestJet, Ryanair and Vueling continue to offer services, having flown throughout November.

The return of these airlines will enable passengers to travel to popular short and long-haul destinations. The top five short-haul destinations for Christmas travel are expected to be Dublin, Tenerife, Geneva, Barcelona, and Fuerteventura, with St Lucia, Antigua, and Barbados being the most popular long-haul destinations.

Gatwick has also invested in expanding its successful UV light treatment of security trays, helping to protect passengers as demand for travel heightens over the coming weeks.

Following the successful launch of the initiative in September, when Gatwick became the first UK airport to treat security trays with enough UV light energy to guarantee a 99.9% microbe disinfection rate, additional security lanes in Gatwick's North Terminal have now been fitted with the technology.

The expansion of the system, provided by Smiths Detection, ensures all passengers can travel in the reassurance of Covid-free security trays – a 'high-touch' surface area – with laboratory testing demonstrating the UV light energy reduces the spread of coronaviruses such as COVID-19 and SARS.

Gatwick and other airports have already deployed other anti-viral systems, such as coatings sprayed on to trays, however this protection dissipates over time whereas this new system treats every tray just before use – ensuring maximum protection and a reduced risk of passing on infection.

There are a few on campus, pre-departure COVID-19 screening solutions available at Gatwick including a subsidised, fast and accurate lab-analysed PCR swab test, as well as the 'Test and Rest' packages at Gatwick's on-site hotels. Early booking is advisable as capacity is filling up fast and tests are allocated on a first come, first served basis. A list of all testing options for passengers can be found on Gatwick's website.

On the UV treatment of security trays, Samantha Williams, Chair, Passenger Advisory Group, said: "The Passenger Advisory Group welcomes this positive use of innovation and technology, to both protect and reassure passengers as they travel through Gatwick and importantly to help in building back passenger confidence in travel."

## **SunExpress to launch non-stop flights from London Gatwick to Antalya**

Issues on behalf of SunExpress - 16.12.2020

SunExpress is expanding its UK operations, announcing the launch of a new route between Gatwick Airport and Antalya from March 2021.

For the Turkish-German airline - a joint venture between Lufthansa and Turkish Airlines - the market has been an important part of the route network for several years with flights from London-Luton mainly catering for visiting friends and relatives.

Now the airline extends its offer for British holidaymakers. Starting on 28 March 2021, SunExpress will launch three weekly flights between London Gatwick and Antalya, offering passengers an ideal destination for the Easter holiday period. From 28 May, this route will be served daily.

On 26 March, SunExpress is also set to launch another new flight from Manchester to Antalya. The route will be served twice per week before passengers will have a choice of four weekly connections starting 30 May.

"After a year of staying at home, the people of Britain deserve a sunny holiday", said Peter Glade, CCO of SunExpress. "Our new services to Antalya will allow the British people to arrive at their well-deserved holiday destination, in a fast and relaxed manner, and for a competitive price, experiencing our unique SunExpress service."

Stephen King, Head of Airline Relations, Gatwick Airport said: "We are delighted to welcome SunExpress to Gatwick from March. Antalya has been an increasingly popular destination in recent years, with an average temperature of more than 20 degrees between May and October making it a great Mediterranean getaway.

"The addition of SunExpress' three weekly flights from Gatwick in March - increasing to daily flights from May – is excellent news for passengers looking to book an Easter or summer break and will also offer passengers across London and the South East even greater choice when planning holidays.

"Despite the turbulent time the aviation industry has suffered this year, slots at Gatwick remain in high demand, so it is positive news to be able to welcome SunExpress to the airport."

The new routes from Gatwick and Manchester are already available for bookings through tour operators, travel agencies as well as [www.sunexpress.com](http://www.sunexpress.com).

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### **Monthly Core Service Standards Performance Report – October 2020**

<https://www.gatwickairport.com/contentassets/af9e114839ca4638884776914eea9bc7/monthly-performance-report-october-2020.pdf>

### **NATMAG – Meeting 5 November 2020**

[draft Minutes](#)

### **Noise Management Board**

**NMB Public Meeting 2020: 3 December 2020** - The following documents are from the 2020 Public Meeting:

- [Presentation Slides](#)
- [Meeting Note](#)

**NMB Executive Board 1.1: 21 October 2020** - The following documents are from the first Executive Board meeting:

- [Agenda NEX1.1](#) & [Draft Minutes NEX 1.1](#)

## **GATWICK NEWS**

### **The long read: The mystery of the Gatwick drone**

The Guardian – 01/12/2020

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2020/dec/01/the-mystery-of-the-gatwick-drone>

### **Podcast: The mystery of the Gatwick drone**

Guardian – 09/12/2020

<https://www.theguardian.com/news/audio/2020/dec/10/the-mystery-gatwick-drone>

### **Gatwick drone incident: How things have changed two years on and what happened with investigation**

Get Surrey 19/12/20

<https://www.getsurrey.co.uk/news/surrey-news/gatwick-drone-incident-how-things-19473462>

### **"Fast and accurate" Covid-19 testing facility opens at Gatwick Airport**

ITV – 01/12/2020

<https://www.itv.com/news/meridian/2020-11-30/fast-and-accurate-covid-19-testing-facility-opens-at-gatwick-airport>

### **COVID-19 screening centre to open at London Gatwick Airport**

International Airport Review – 23/11/2020

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/145320/covid-19-screening-centre-gatwick-airport/>

### **Gatwick Airport demand takes off after quarantine rule change**

City AM – 27/11/2020

<https://www.cityam.com/gatwick-airport-demand-takes-off-after-quarantine-rule-change/>

### **Gatwick green new deal report launched**

PCS – 26/11/2020

<https://www.pcs.org.uk/news/gatwick-green-new-deal-report-launched>

Desmog – 07/12/2020

<https://www.desmog.co.uk/2020/12/07/report-calls-green-new-deal-gatwick-not-aviation-tax-cuts>

## **Gatwick Airport CEO wants normal slot rules restored next summer**

Yahoo – 27/11/2020

<https://uk.finance.yahoo.com/news/gatwick-airport-ceo-wants-normal-141305837.html>

## **Wizz Air slams slot suspension as it seeks to grow presence at Gatwick**

City AM – 24/11/2020

<https://www.cityam.com/wizz-air-slams-slot-suspension-as-it-seeks-to-grow-presence-at-gatwick/>

## **Flexibility on airport slots should be extended to summer 2021: IATA**

Flight Global 23/11/2020

[https://www.flightglobal.com/networks/flexibility-on-airport-slots-should-be-extended-to-summer-2021-iata/141252.article?utm\\_campaign=FG-AIRLINE-BUSINESS-PANDW-EMBRAER-CIRIUM-241120-DE&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_content=newsletter](https://www.flightglobal.com/networks/flexibility-on-airport-slots-should-be-extended-to-summer-2021-iata/141252.article?utm_campaign=FG-AIRLINE-BUSINESS-PANDW-EMBRAER-CIRIUM-241120-DE&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_content=newsletter)

## **EC airport slot-rule proposal halves threshold to 40% next summer**

Flight Global 16/12/2020

[https://www.flightglobal.com/networks/ec-airport-slot-rule-proposal-halves-threshold-to-40-next-summer/141645.article?utm\\_campaign=FG-AIRLINE-BUSINESS-VISIBLE-ALPHA-FILLER-211220-DE&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_content=newsletter](https://www.flightglobal.com/networks/ec-airport-slot-rule-proposal-halves-threshold-to-40-next-summer/141645.article?utm_campaign=FG-AIRLINE-BUSINESS-VISIBLE-ALPHA-FILLER-211220-DE&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_content=newsletter)

## **Gatwick reports upturn in festive demand**

Travel Weekly – 15/12/2020

<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/395681/gatwick-reports-upturn-in-festive-demand>

## **EasyJet launches new Gatwick Airport and London Luton flight routes**

My London 19/12/20

<https://www.mylondon.news/lifestyle/travel/easyjet-gatwick-airport-luton-london-19487998>

## **British Airways to resume Manchester-Gatwick link**

Business Traveller 15/12/20

<https://www.businesstraveller.com/business-travel/2020/12/15/british-airways-to-resume-manchester-gatwick-link/>

## **Covid: Gatwick test centre boss apologises for delays**

BBC – 09/12/2020

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-sussex-55235679>

## **Virgin Atlantic Will Return To London Gatwick But Not Next Year**

Simple Flying – 20/11/2020

<https://simpleflying.com/virgin-atlantic-gatwick-return/>

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **Supreme Court says plans for Heathrow third runway are legal, overturning climate crisis ruling**

Independent – 16/12/2020

<https://www.independent.co.uk/environment/climate-change/heathrow-third-runway-climate-change-b1774831.html>

### **Heathrow expansion 'far from certain'**

The Ecologist – 16/12/2020

<https://theecologist.org/2020/dec/16/heathrow-expansion-far-certain>

### **Ministers face fresh legal challenge over Heathrow airport plans**

The Guardian 19/12/20

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/dec/19/ministers-face-fresh-legal-challenge-over-heathrow-airport-plans>

### **EasyJet to charge for overhead luggage 'to improve boarding and punctuality'**

Sky – 01/12/2020

<https://news.sky.com/story/easyjet-to-charge-for-overhead-luggage-to-improve-boarding-and-punctuality-12148127>

### **IATA: 2020 worst year ever, but some recovery likely by 2022**

The Points Guy – 27/11/2020

<https://thepointsguy.co.uk/news/iata-2020-worst-year-ever/>

### **Aviation employees should be considered as essential workers for COVID-19 vaccine, says IATA**

International Airport Review – 16/12/2020

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/147070/aviation-employees-should-be-considered-as-essential-workers-for-covid-19-vaccine-says-iata/>

### **Re-establishing global connectivity in the aviation sector**

International Airport Review – 11/12/2020

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/article/146782/re-establishing-global-connectivity-aviation/>

### **More than £20 million committed to reduce flight emissions**

Travel Weekly – 25/11/2020

<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/393970/more-than-20-million-committed-to-reduce-flight-emissions>

### **Boris Johnson's 'jet zero' green flight goal dismissed as a gimmick**

Guardian – 25/11/2020

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/nov/25/boris-johnsons-jet-zero-carbon-flight-goal-dismissed-as-a-gimmick-experts-technology-aviation-emissions>

### **Aviation's climate impact much greater than previously thought, regulator finds**

Politico – 25/11/2020

<https://www.politico.eu/article/aviation-climate-impact-greater-than-previous-estimate/>

### **NATS report charts further environmental progress**

NATS – 01/12/2020

<https://www.nats.aero/news/nats-report-charts-further-environmental-progress/>

### **BA to explore hydrogen electric-powered aircraft**

Travel Weekly – 14/12/2020

<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/395499/ba-to-explore-hydrogen-electric-powered-aircraft>

### **Heathrow Airport announces local economy recovery plan**

This is Local London – 27/11/2020

<https://www.thisislocallondon.co.uk/news/18903956.heathrow-airport-announces-local-economy-recovery-plan/>

### **Heathrow proposes to charge drivers £5 to drop off as part of its 'green initiative'**

Eastern Eye – 05/12/2020

<https://www.easterneye.biz/heathrow-proposes-to-charge-drivers-5-to-drop-off-as-part-of-its-green-initiative/>

### **Business travellers to get quarantine exemption**

Travel Weekly – 03/12/2020

<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/394728/business-travellers-to-get-quarantine-exemption>

### **Updated: Exemption from quarantine 'should apply to all business travel'**

Travel Weekly – 04/12/2020

<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/394740/updated-exemption-from-quarantine-should-apply-to-all-business-travel>

### **Trade demands 'urgent review' of Foreign Office travel advice**

Travel Weekly – 09/12/2020

<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/395120/trade-demands-urgent-review-of-foreign-office-travel-advice>

### **Official Climate Advisors**

AEF – 09/12/2020

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2020/12/09/stop-airport-expansions-to-help-reach-net-zero-emissions-say-governments-official-climate-advisors/>

### **British Airways appoints first head of sustainability**

Travel Weekly – 07/12/2020

<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/394918/british-airways-appoints-first-head-of-sustainability>

### **Etihad Airways steps up measures to cut emissions**

Travel Weekly – 08/12/2020

<https://www.travelweekly.co.uk/articles/394997/etihad-airways-steps-up-measures-to-cut-emissions>