

GATCOM WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN



The purpose of GATCOM's newsletter is to help GATCOM member organisations and other interested parties keep up to date with the latest news articles, publications and innovations relating to Gatwick Airport and the wider aviation industry. It is not intended to promote or scrutinise any news articles, press releases or publications referenced.

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CURRENT NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

DfT consultation: Airport slot allocation system reform

New closing date: 08/03/2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/airport-slot-allocation-system-reform>

PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

ACI Europe's Manifesto for new EU political cycle reiterates need to preserve the ability for smaller and regional airports to receive aid under EU State Aid Guidelines

Regional Gateway – 22/01/2024

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/aci-europes-manifesto-for-new-eu-political-cycle-reiterates-need-to-preserve-the-ability-for-smaller-and-regional-airports-to-receive-aid-under-eu-state-aid-guidelines/>

EASA's EU-wide ground handling regulation to increase safety and security

Regional Gateway – 22/01/2024

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/easas-eu-wide-ground-handling-regulation-to-increase-safety-and-security/>

Riding the storm

NATS blog – 22/01/2024

GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA

Which Airlines Had The Biggest Presence At London Gatwick Airport In 2023?

Simple Flying – 17/01/2024

<https://simpleflying.com/london-gatwick-airport-biggest-airlines-2023-analysis/>



General Headlines

UK's three busiest airports set to miss deadline to end 100ml liquid rule

Sky – 22/01/2024

<https://news.sky.com/story/uks-three-busiest-airports-set-to-miss-deadline-to-end-100ml-liquid-rule-13054144>

Optional airline fees excluded from government clampdown on drip pricing

Travel Weekly – 24/01/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/optional-airline-fees-excluded-from-government-clampdown-on-drip-pricing>

Fascinating map reveals the world's busiest international flight routes with Kuala Lumpur to Singapore Changi No.1 and London Heathrow to JFK ranking eighth

Daily Mail – 18/01/2024

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/travel/article-12974037/Fascinating-map-reveals-worlds-busiest-international-flight-routes-Kuala-Lumpur-Singapore-Changi-No-1-London-JFK-ranking-eighth.html>

Passenger news

Wizz Air forced to pay passengers £1.2m after refund rejections

Independent – 17/01/2024

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/wizz-air-passengers-refunds-rejected-payout-b2480008.html>

Industry news

eVTOL operations a step closer in the UK as aviation regulator looks at vertiport design proposals

CAA – 24/01/2024

<https://www.caa.co.uk/newsroom/news/evtol-operations-a-step-closer-in-the-uk-as-aviation-regulator-looks-at-vertiport-design-proposals/>

Environmental news

Could Ammonia Have A Role In Decarbonising Aviation?

AEF – 17/01/2024

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2024/01/17/could-ammonia-have-a-role-in-decarbonising-aviation/>



[Wings India 2024: This must be a decade of action on climate change](#)

NATS blog – 23/01/2024

OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Aberdeen

TUI opens bag drop kiosk at Aberdeen Airport

Travel Gossip – 22/01/2024

<https://www.travelgossip.co.uk/product-news/tui-opens-bag-drop-kiosk-at-aberdeen-airport/>

Birmingham

The list of new EasyJet routes from Birmingham International Airport as it reveals increased passenger numbers

Express & Star – 24/01/2024

<https://www.expressandstar.com/news/2024/01/24/new-easyjet-services-coming-to-birmingham-interbational-airport-as-it-reveals-increased-passenger-numbers/>

Doncaster Sheffield

Tory ministers block £30m cash that could help Labour mayor reopen Doncaster Sheffield airport

Airport Watch – 22/01/2024

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2024/01/tory-ministers-block-30m-cash-that-could-help-labour-mayor-reopen-doncaster-sheffield-airport/>

East Midlands

Plans revealed for new town near East Midlands Airport

The Business Desk – 23/01/2024

<https://www.thebusinessdesk.com/eastmidlands/news/2081195-plans-revealed-for-new-town-near-east-midlands-airport>



Edinburgh

Watch: Winds blow suitcase across ramp at Edinburgh Airport

BBC – 22/01/2024

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-scotland-68055524>

Farnborough

Extinction Rebellion to stage 'family-friendly' protest at Farnborough Airport

Woking News and Mail – 19/01/2024

<https://www.wokingnewsandmail.co.uk/news/extinction-rebellion-to-stage-family-friendly-protest-at-farnborough-airport-661324>

Farnborough Noise: Did you know an aircraft holding stack is proposed above Farnham?

Farnham Herald – 19/01/2024

<https://www.farnhamherald.com/news/farnborough-noise-did-you-know-an-aircraft-holding-stack-is-proposed-above-farnham-661330>

Glasgow Prestwick

'Potential interest' in Glasgow Prestwick Airport purchase

Glasgow Times – 17/01/2024

<https://www.glasgowtimes.co.uk/news/scottish-news/24057196.potential-interest-glasgow-prestwick-airport-purchase/>

Liverpool

Airport upgrades database with latest software aimed at providing more flexibility

The Business Desk – 24/01/2024

<https://www.thebusinessdesk.com/northwest/news/2127383-airport-upgrades-database-with-latest-software-aimed-at-providing-more-flexibility>



London City

A spot check inspection of Border Force's operational response to general aviation flights at London City Airport

Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration – 24/01/2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/a-spot-check-inspection-of-border-forces-operational-response-to-general-aviation-flights-at-london-city-airport>

London Heathrow

Some possible changes at Heathrow, to persuade ever more passengers to use it **Airport Watch – 22/01/2024 (includes Sunday Times article 'How new Saudi owners plan to transform Heathrow')**

Airport Watch – 22/01/2024

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2024/01/some-possible-changes-at-heathrow-to-persuade-ever-more-passengers-to-use-it/>

Analysis: The Longest Non-Stop Routes From London Heathrow Airport In 2024

Simple Flying – 22/01/2024

<https://simpleflying.com/london-heathrow-airport-longest-non-stop-routes-2024/>

London Luton

ACI International awards London Luton Airport a customer experience accreditation

Passenger Terminal Today – 23/01/2024

<https://www.passengerterminaltoday.com/news/passenger-experience/aci-international-awards-london-luton-airport-a-customer-experience-accreditation.html>

London Southend

London Southend airport faces demands for immediate £194m loan repayment

This is Money – 23/01/2024

<https://www.thisismoney.co.uk/money/markets/article-12995397/London-Southend-airport-faces-demands-immediate-194m-loan-repayment.html>



London Stansted

Stansted Airport: Child exploitation awareness to taxi drivers

Essex Police – 19/01/2024

<https://www.essex.police.uk/news/essex/news/news/2024/january/stansted-airport-child-exploitation-awareness-to-taxi-drivers/>

Newcastle

Newcastle Eagles ‘take to the skies’ with Newcastle International Airport deal

Bdaily – 24/01/2024

<https://bdaily.co.uk/articles/2024/01/24/newcastle-eagles-take-to-the-skies-with-newcastle-international-airport-deal>

Southampton

Which Airlines Had The Largest Presence At Southampton Airport In 2023?

Simple Flying – 22/01/2024

<https://simpleflying.com/southampton-airport-largest-airlines-2023/>

KLM adds evening Southampton-Amsterdam service for summer 2024

Business Traveller – 24/01/2024

<https://www.businesstraveller.com/business-travel/2024/01/24/klm-adds-evening-southampton-amsterdam-service-for-summer-2024/>

Teesside

Teesside Airport cargo operations could be 'more important than ever' during Red Sea crisis

Teesside Live – 23/01/2024

<https://www.gazettelive.co.uk/news/teesside-news/teesside-airport-cargo-operations-could-28495390>