

# GATCOM WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN



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**15 FEBRUARY 2024**

## CURRENT NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

### **DfT consultation: Airport slot allocation system reform**

Closing date: 08/03/2024

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

### **CAA Consultation: Vertiport Design Proposal for Existing Aerodrome**

Closing date: 15/03/2024

<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/air-traffic-management/vertiport-design-proposal-for-existing-aerodrome/>

## PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

### **Momentum grows as ACOG launches its second public engagement exercise**

ACOG – 12/02/2024

<https://www.acog.aero/blog/2024/02/12/momentum-grows-as-acog-launches-its-second-public-engagement-exercise/>

### **Travel Weekly Insight Report 2024: 'Return of the new normal' Travel in a world of geopolitical, climate and digital disruption**

<https://travelweeklyinsight.co.uk/insight-report-2024-download-free-of-charge/>

### **OAG Travel Tech Report 2024: The Future Of Innovative Airline Operations**

[https://www.oag.com/travel-tech-report-2024-airline-operations?utm\\_campaign=Travel%20Tech%202023%20Report&utm\\_medium=email&hsmi=293893073&hsenc=p2ANqtz-uKoUVopQ8-wTqLEPe3spidEvh8uqLcbCDtq4EYM8i3c1B98hFtKgTo57Qf-js2vShZHD-lwZjT1F2P-NCh6D30tbJw&utm\\_content=293893073&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://www.oag.com/travel-tech-report-2024-airline-operations?utm_campaign=Travel%20Tech%202023%20Report&utm_medium=email&hsmi=293893073&hsenc=p2ANqtz-uKoUVopQ8-wTqLEPe3spidEvh8uqLcbCDtq4EYM8i3c1B98hFtKgTo57Qf-js2vShZHD-lwZjT1F2P-NCh6D30tbJw&utm_content=293893073&utm_source=hs_email)

### **Prohibiting Supersonic Flight Over Land: AEF Responds To CAA Proposals**

AEF – 08/02/2024

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2024/02/08/supersonicflight-over-land/>



**GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES**

**London Gatwick opens applications for prestigious engineering apprenticeship programme to mark National Apprenticeship Week**

12/02/2024

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-opens-applications-for-prestigious-engineering-apprenticeship-programme-to-mark-national-apprenticeship-week-7461-40f32.html>

**TAG Heuer and TUDOR boutique watch stores become London Gatwick's first new retail openings of 2024**

14/02/2024

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/tag-heuer-and-tudor-boutique-watch-stores-become-london-gatwicks-first-new-retail-openings-of-2024-2645-40f32.html>

**London Gatwick expands Chinese connections with new Beijing and Guangzhou flights this summer**

15/02/2024

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-expands-chinese-connections-with-new-beijing-and-guangzhou-flights-this-summer-0709-40f32.html>

**GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA**

**Gatwick Airport crowned the best in UK for families**

Yahoo – 11/02/2024

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/gatwick-airport-crowned-best-uk-113400146.html>

**General Headlines**

**Growth in corporate travel forecast despite increasing costs**

Travel Weekly – 09/02/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/growth-in-corporate-travel-forecast-despite-increasing-costs>



**OPINION - What happened to flying? Airlines are a rip off, flights are delayed or cancelled and then service is terrible**

Yahoo – 07/02/2024

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/opinion-happened-flying-airlines-rip-180036496.html>

**From Everywhere, With Love: How Airlines Fulfill The Global Demand For Flowers On Valentine’s Day**

Simple Flying – 14/02/2023

<https://simpleflying.com/how-airlines-fulfill-demand-roses-valentines-day/>

**Passenger news**

**Airline to start controversially weighing travellers**

Indy 100 – 08/02/2024

<https://www.indy100.com/news/airline-weigh-passengers-flight>

**Environmental news**

**Andrew Boswell’s legal case, needing the emissions from future use of infrastructure, could be vital**

Airport Watch – 12/02/2024

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2024/02/andrew-boswells-legal-case-needing-the-emissions-from-future-use-of-infrastructure-could-be-vital/>

**Schiphol Airport’s new report demands a reduction of aviation demand, to cut CO2 emissions**

Airport Watch – 08/02/2024

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2024/02/schiphol-airports-new-report-demands-a-reduction-of-aviation-demand-to-cut-co2-emissions/>

**How Carlyle’s bet on unsuccessful Southend airport did not work out**

Airport Watch – 11/02/2024

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2024/02/how-carlyles-bet-on-unsuccessful-southend-airport-did-not-work-out/>



**European aviation industry calls for continued development of an EU SAF market  
Regional Gateway – 12/02/2024**

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/european-aviation-industry-calls-for-continued-development-of-an-eu-saf-market/>

**OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS**

**Aberdeen**

**Aberdeen Airport drop-off fee rises again**

Press & Journal – 14/02/2024

<https://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/fp/news/aberdeen-aberdeenshire/6372356/increase-aberdeen-airport-drop-off-fee/>

**Birmingham**

**Birmingham Airport investigation after staff-scanning security personnel miss vital training**

Birmingham Mail – 13/02/2024

<https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/birmingham-airport-investigation-after-bag-28622985>

**Almost 120,000 passengers used A3 Weston Flyer bus in 2023**

Weston Mercury – 14/02/2024

<https://www.thewestonmercury.co.uk/news/24118324.almost-120-000-passengers-used-a3-weston-flyer-bus-2023/>

**Doncaster Sheffield**

**Doncaster-Sheffield Airport reopening moves step closer after vote**

BBC – 14/02/2024

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-south-yorkshire-68284754>

**Exclusive - The future of Doncaster Sheffield Airport: Interview with Mayor Oliver Coppard**

Doncaster Free Press – 14/02/2024

<https://www.doncasterfreepress.co.uk/business/exclusive-the-future-of-doncaster-sheffield-airport-interview-with-mayor-oliver-coppard-4517926>



## East Midlands

### East Midlands Airport hits the New Year running

Derbyshire Times – 13/02/2024

<https://www.derbyshiretimes.co.uk/lifestyle/travel/east-midlands-airport-hits-the-new-year-running-4516084>

## Edinburgh

### Pedestrian-first airport neighbourhood takes off

Urban Realm - 12/02/2024

[https://www.urbanrealm.com/news/10861/Pedestrian-first\\_airport\\_neighbourhood\\_takes\\_off.html](https://www.urbanrealm.com/news/10861/Pedestrian-first_airport_neighbourhood_takes_off.html)

### Edinburgh airport baggage: travellers warned of summer disruption

The Times – 08/02/2024

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/edinburgh-airport-baggage-delay-summer-travel-flight-bags-f5hh383kr>

## Glasgow

### Glasgow Airport says infrastructure to support zero-emission flight could be in place as early as 2027

International Airport Review – 14/02/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/211236/glasgow-airport-says-infrastructure-to-support-zero-emission-flight-could-be-in-place-as-early-as-2027/>

## Liverpool

### Liverpool Airport 2023 passenger numbers exceed 4m

Liverpool Business News – 12/02/2024

<https://lbdaily.co.uk/liverpool-airport-passenger-2023-numbers-exceed-4m/>

## London City

### London City Airport contributes over £250k in local community work in the past year

Travel Daily Media – 14/02/2204

<https://www.traveldailymedia.com/london-city-airport-contributes-over-250k-in-local-community-work-in-the-past-year/>



## London Heathrow

### Heathrow joins lobby against UK tourism tax

Travel Weekly – 12/02/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/heathrow-joins-lobby-against-uk-tourism-tax>

### Man charged after 'flying from London to New York without ticket or passport'

The Standard – 12/02/2024

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/crime/man-security-heathrow-new-york-passport-new-york-b1138445.html>

### Heathrow Bound: Vueling Returns & EgyptAir Adds A 3rd Daily Flight

Simple Flying – 14/02/2024

<https://simpleflying.com/heathrow-bound-vueling-returns-egyptair-adds-a-3rd-daily-flight/>

## London Luton

### Half a million passengers set to travel from Luton Airport this half term

Luton Today – 09/02/2024

<https://www.lutontoday.co.uk/news/transport/half-a-million-passengers-set-to-travel-from-luton-airport-this-half-term-4512062>

### Luton airport highlights rising demand for 'destination dupes'

Travel Weekly – 09/02/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/luton-airport-highlights-rising-demand-for-destination-dupes>

## London Southend

### How a US buyout giant's bet on an empty London airport turned sour

FT – 10/02/2024

<https://www.ft.com/content/aa179561-47af-49de-93f8-edd2cf1c57d5>

## London Stansted

### Stansted Airport records its busiest ever January with 1.95 million passengers

Bishop's Stortford Independent – 12/02/2024

<https://www.bishopstortfordindependent.co.uk/news/stansted-airport-records-busiest-ever-january-with-1-95m-p-9352527/>



**[Stansted inspires the next generation](#)**

NATS blog – 08/02/2024

**Manchester**

**Manchester Airport drops plans to be Heathrow of North**

EGI – 12/02/2024

<https://www.egi.co.uk/news/manchester-airport-drops-plans-to-be-heathrow-of-north/>

**First look as Manchester Airport hotel The Crowne Plaza reopens after £8m refurb**

Manchester Evening News – 14/02/2024

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/whats-on/manchester-airport-hotel-crowne-plaza-28622047>

**Newcastle**

**International air travel from Newcastle Airport reaches record numbers in 2023**

Bdaily – 14/02/2024

<https://bdaily.co.uk/articles/2024/02/14/international-air-travel-from-newcastle-airport-reaches-record-numbers-in-2023>

**Southampton**

**[Panel to decide on airport's latest Marlhill tree plans](#)**

Bitterne Park – 13/02/2024

**Southampton Airport strike called off thanks to Unite deal**

Daily Echo – 14/02/2024

<https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/24119361.southampton-airport-strike-called-off-thanks-unite-deal/>