

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

NEW DfT Consultation: Night flight restrictions: Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted airports from October 2025

Closing date: 22/05/2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/night-flight-restrictions-heathrow-gatwick-and-stansted-airports-from-october-2025>

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/>

CAA Consultation: Economic regulation: Setting future price controls – review of approach

Closing date: 20/03/2024

<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/economic-regulation/setting-future-price-controls-review-of-approach/>

ACOG: Airspace Change Masterplan (Iteration 3) London Airspace South: Public Engagement Exercise

Closing date: 24/03/2024

<https://acog.citizenspace.com/comms/las/>

PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

Night flight dispensations

DfT – 22/02/2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/night-flight-dispensations>

Flight 100 – Our role in enabling the first transatlantic sustainable fuel flight

CAA – Blog 27/02/2024

<https://www.caa.co.uk/newsroom/blogs/flight-100-our-role-in-enabling-the-first-transatlantic-sustainable-fuel-flight/>

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Soaring to New Heights: Re-launching our STEM website

CAA – 27/02/2024

<https://www.caa.co.uk/newsroom/blogs/soaring-to-new-heights-re-launching-our-stem-website/>

What's ahead for ACOG in 2024

ACOG Blog – 22/02/2024

<https://www.acog.aero/blog/2024/02/22/blog-whats-ahead-for-acog-in-2024/>

JET students soar with Blue Skies

NATS Blog – 28/02/2024

<https://nats.aero/blog/>

GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES

London Gatwick supports local employment as 350 jobseekers attend jobs fair

26/02/2024

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-supports-local-employment-as-350-jobseekers-attend-jobs-fair-a384-40f32.html>

London Gatwick cuts its own vehicle (Scope 1) emissions by 90% after swapping diesel for Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil

27/02/2024

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-cuts-its-own-vehicle-scope-1-emissions-by-90-after-swapping-diesel-for-hydrotreated-vegetable-oil-04c5-40f32.html>

GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA

Gatwick Airport runway planning inquiry begins

BBC – 27/02/2024

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-sussex-68413434>

Ten councils oppose Gatwick Airport's second runway plans

The Argus – 27/02/2024

<https://www.theargus.co.uk/news/24146641.ten-councils-oppose-gatwick-airports-second-runway-plans/>

Gatwick Airport runway inquiry hears from businesses and locals

BBC – 28/02/2024

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-sussex-68424671>



Extinction Rebellion protests against ‘climate blind’ Gatwick Airport expansion

Extinction Rebellion – 28/02/2024

<https://extinctionrebellion.uk/2024/02/28/extinction-rebellion-protests-against-climate-blind-gatwick-airport-expansion/>

COMMUNITIES AGAINST GATWICK NOISE PROTEST OUTSIDE PLANNING HEARING FOR GATWICK 2ND RUNWAY

V2Radio – 28/02/2024

<https://www.v2radio.co.uk/news/west-sussex/communities-against-gatwick-noise-protest-outside-planning-hearing-for-gatwick-2nd-runway/>

Air Peace London route: Why we accepted Gatwick Airport — Allen Onyema

Vanguard – 25/02/2024

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2024/02/air-peace-london-route-why-we-accepted-gatwick-airport-allen-onyema/>

Gatwick Airport: New 24 hour bus route from Horsham

The Argus – 26/02/2024

<https://www.theargus.co.uk/news/24137164.gatwick-airport-new-24-hour-bus-route-horsham/>

Gatwick Airport cuts emissions in switch from diesel

The Argus – 27/02/2024

<https://www.theargus.co.uk/news/24147841.gatwick-airport-cuts-emissions-switch-diesel/>

Vehicles powered by vegetable oil cut CO2 emissions at London Gatwick

Airport World – 27/02/2024

<https://airport-world.com/vehicles-powered-by-vegetable-oil-cut-co2-emissions-at-london-gatwick/>

JET HIGHWAYS Futuristic motorways of the SKY to cut delays & make flights shorter revealed-& they’re already controversial

The Sun – 25/02/2024

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/26169462/futuristic-motorways-sky-miles-controversial-change/>

General Headlines

Airlines upbeat on 2024 demand despite supply challenges

Reuters – 29/02/2024

<https://www.reuters.com/business/aerospace-defense/ba-owner-iag-gives-positive-2024-outlook-sustained-travel-demand-2024-02-29/>

The UK Airports With The Longest Delays

Simple Flying – 27/02/2024

<https://simpleflying.com/uk-airports-longest-delays/>



London is most exposed city in world to air pollution from aviation, study finds

The Guardian 27/02/2024

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2024/feb/27/london-is-city-most-exposed-to-air-pollution-from-aviation-global-study-finds>

Passenger news

Ryanair passengers at Stansted Airport and Southend Airport face higher prices and less flights this summer

Essex Live – 26/02/2024

<https://www.essexlive.news/news/essex-news/ryanair-passengers-stansted-airport-southend-9123976>

Industry news

Interview: AGS Airports commercial lead Tom Hack on his latest challenge

The Moodie Davitt Report – 28/02/2024

<https://moodiedavittreport.com/interview-ags-airports-commercial-lead-tom-hack-on-his-new-challenge/>

Wizz Air hits back at Which? after being named worst UK airline

UK Aviation News – 26/02/2024

<https://ukaviation.news/wizz-air-hits-back-at-which-after-being-named-worst-uk-airline/>

Worst airlines for customer satisfaction revealed

Sky News – 24/02/2024

<https://news.sky.com/story/worst-airlines-for-customer-satisfaction-revealed-13079618>

Loganair expands Heathrow operation for Summer 2024

UK Aviation News – 23/02/2024

<https://ukaviation.news/loganair-expands-heathrow-operation-for-summer-2024/>

Eastern Airways launch Paris CDG flights from East Midlands and Southampton

UK Aviation News – 22/02/2024

<https://ukaviation.news/eastern-airways-launch-paris-cdg-flights-from-east-midlands-and-southampton/>

Environmental news

UK CAA names first hydrogen ‘sandbox’ firms

Airport Technology – 28/02/2024

<https://www.airport-technology.com/news/uk-cao-names-first-hydrogen-sandbox-firms/>



Heathrow, Schiphol, Charles de Gaulle: European airports rank amongst the world's most polluting

Euro News – 28/02/2024

<https://www.euronews.com/green/2024/02/28/heathrow-schiphol-charles-de-gaulle-european-airports-rank-amongst-the-worlds-most-polluti>

OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Aberdeen

Aberdeen Airport celebrates 90 years flying from the Granite City

Press & Journal – 26/02/2024

<https://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/fp/news/aberdeen-aberdeenshire/6385050/aberdeen-airport-memories-90th-anniversary-celebrations/>

Birmingham

Birmingham Airport Invests £10 million in Aircraft Stand Upgrades

Rugby Observer – 28/02/2024

<https://rugbyobserver.co.uk/lifestyle/birmingham-airport-invests-10-million-in-aircraft-stand-upgrades/>

Birmingham Airport celebrates five million passenger milestone with easyJet

Regional Gateway – 23/02/2024

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/birmingham-airport-celebrates-5-million-passenger-milestone-with-easyjet/>

EasyJet poised for Birmingham airport expansion

Travel Weekly – 23/02/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/easyjet-poised-for-birmingham-airport-expansion>

Pictures of damaged Boeing 787 plane at Birmingham Airport show aircraft's door almost ripped off

Birmingham World – 22/02/2024

<https://www.birminghamworld.uk/news/birmingham-airport-tui-boeing-plane-4528244>

Work to deliver Midlands Rail Hub set to begin with £123 million

DfT – 29/02/2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/work-to-deliver-midlands-rail-hub-set-to-begin-with-123-million>



Bristol

IS BRISTOL AIRPORT 'ABUSING' NIGHT FLIGHT SYSTEM?

Bristol 247 – 27/02/2024

<https://www.bristol247.com/climate/news-climate/is-bristol-airport-abusing-night-flight-system/>

easyJet apologises after Bristol Airport flight left six disabled passengers behind

Bristol Post – 21/02/2024

<https://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/bristol-news/easyjet-apologises-after-bristol-airport-9114545>

East Midlands

East Midlands Airport is a smooth operator

Derbyshire Times – 27/02/2024

<https://www.derbyshiretimes.co.uk/business/east-midlands-airport-is-a-smooth-operator-4534610>

DHL exposed of inflicting brutal pay cuts on East Midlands airport workers while company plans 20 billion takeover

Unite – 28/02/2024

<https://www.unitetheunion.org/news-events/news/2024/february/dhl-exposed-of-inflicting-brutal-pay-cuts-on-east-midlands-airport-workers-while-company-plans-20-billion-takeover>

East Midlands Airport hosts Airbus A330 flights for large MOD NATO exercise

Westbridgfordwire – 24/02/2024

<https://westbridgfordwire.com/east-midlands-airport-hosts-airbus-a330-flights-for-large-mod-nato-exercise/>

Edinburgh

Edinburgh Airport welcomes new managing director

Travel Daily News International – 27/02/2024

<https://www.traveldailynews.com/regional-news/europe/edinburgh-airport-welcomes-new-managing-director/>

The UK's 10 worst airports for flight delays named – and where Edinburgh Airport ranks

Edinburgh News – 23/02/2024

<https://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/lifestyle/travel/the-uks-10-worst-airports-for-flight-delays-named-and-where-edinburgh-airport-ranks-4530380>



Exeter

Exeter Airport selected by CAA to join its Hydrogen Challenge

Regional Gateway – 28/02/2024

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/exeter-airport-named-in-uk-caa-hydrogen-challenge/>

Farnborough

Opinion: Farnborough Airport approval would be a savage kick in the teeth for locals

Farnham Herald – 27/02/2024

<https://www.farnhamherald.com/news/opinion-farnborough-airport-approval-would-be-a-savage-kick-in-the-teeth-for-locals-667573>

Glasgow

Glasgow Airport launches digital twin funding competition worth up to £70,000

International Airport Review – 27/02/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/214740/glasgow-airport-launches-digital-twin-funding-competition-worth-up-to-70000/>

Leeds Bradford

Leeds Bradford chief hails fresh links with trade

Travel Weekly – 26/02/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/leeds-bradford-chief-hails-fresh-links-with-trade>

Leeds Bradford Airport urge passengers to adhere to rules

The Telegraph & Argus – 26/02/2024

<https://www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk/news/24142713.leeds-bradford-airport-urge-passengers-adhere-rules/>

Liverpool

Historic Liverpool: Liverpool Airport over the years - from Hurricane fighters to Mother Theresa

Liverpool World – 25/02/2024

<https://www.liverpoolworld.uk/lifestyle/historic-liverpool-90-years-liverpool-airport-pictures-hurricane-fighters-mother-theresa-4532300>



London Heathrow

Heathrow third runway shelved as airport seeks to be 'better not bigger'

Sunday Times – 25/02/2024

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/e4eea062-560c-4d9b-a580-c992f94529c9>

BUT... see also

Heathrow Squashes Reports of Scrapped Third Runway Plans

Airways – 26/02/2024

<https://airwaysmag.com/heathrow-denies-shelved-3rd-runway/>

Heathrow Airport clears the air on speculation over third runway

Reading Chronicle – 27/02/2024

<https://www.readingchronicle.co.uk/news/24145568.heathrow-airport-clears-air-speculation-third-runway/>

Heathrow targets 81.4 million passengers in 2024

Business Traveller – 26/02/2024

<https://www.businesstraveller.com/business-travel/2024/02/26/heathrow-targets-81-4-million-passengers-in-2024/>

Heathrow looks to expand capacity as it records profit for first time since pandemic

Financial Times – 21/02/2024

<https://www.ft.com/content/528704ba-0b3f-4b0f-96a9-220ed4cdeb1f>

Former BA employee allegedly orchestrated £3m immigration scam from Heathrow check-in desk

The Guardian – 27/02/2024

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2024/feb/27/former-ba-employee-allegedly-orchestrated-3m-immigration-scam-from-heathrow-check-in-desk>

Wow: Delta Air Lines & Virgin Atlantic Have Record US-London Heathrow Flights This Summer

Simple Flying – 27/02/2024

<https://simpleflying.com/delta-air-lines-virgin-atlantic-record-heathrow-us-flights-summer-2024/>

Heathrow, Schiphol, Berlin: The airports trialling AI technology to limit flight delays

Euro News – 28/02/2024

<https://www.euronews.com/travel/2024/02/28/walkway-music-and-boarding-procedures-how-airlines-are-saving-time-and-cutting-flight-delays>



London's Heathrow Airport Blames Removal Of Tax-Free Shopping For Lackluster Retail Numbers In 2023

Forbes – 22/02/2024

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/kevinrozarior/2024/02/22/londons-heathrow-airport-blames-removal-of-tax-free-shopping-for-lackluster-retail-numbers-in-2023/>

Heathrow Airport to scrap this liquid rule at security in time for summer

Surrey Live – 25/02/2024

<https://www.getsurrey.co.uk/whats-on/whats-on-news/heathrow-airport-scrap-liquid-rule-28701258>

London Luton

Hertfordshire opposes Luton Airport expansion

North Herts Council – 28/02/2024

<https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/hertfordshire-opposes-luton-airport-expansion>

Accounts reveal £550m impact of pandemic on Luton council's airport company

Luton Today – 27/02/2024

<https://www.lutontoday.co.uk/news/politics/council/accounts-reveal-ps550m-impact-of-pandemic-on-luton-councils-airport-company-4534649>

London Luton Airport invests £70 million in local economy

International Airport Review – 26/02/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/214352/london-luton-airport-invests-70-million-in-local-economy/>

Luton Office Market Takes Flight as Airport Eyes Growth

CoStar – 29/02/2024

<https://www.costar.com/article/536822146/luton-office-market-takes-flight-as-airport-eyes-growth>

Luton Airport car park still full of burnt out cars three months after horrific fire

Express – 28/02/2024

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/1871859/luton-car-park-fire-burnt-cars-months>

London Southend

Loan spat puts London Southend Airport ownership in doubt

Flight Training News – 23/02/2024

<https://www.ftnonline.co.uk/2024/02/23/loan-spat-puts-london-southend-airport-ownership-in-doubt/>



London Southend Airport: Aerolitalia scraps new flights to Milan just weeks after announcing them

National World – 28/02/2024

<https://www.nationalworld.com/lifestyle/travel/london-southend-airport-aerolitalia-scraps-new-flights-to-milan-just-weeks-after-announcing-them-4535776>

London Stansted

Stansted Airport spring jobs fair at Radisson Blu Hotel on Thursday March 7

Bishopsstortford Independent – 27/02/2024

<https://www.bishopsstortfordindependent.co.uk/news/spring-into-action-at-stansted-airport-jobs-fair-9354978/>

First Bus launching overnight X20 Stansted Airport service

Gazette – 24/02/2024

<https://www.gazette-news.co.uk/news/24131175.first-bus-launching-overnight-x20-stansted-airport-service/>

Royal Jordanian Airlines launches new flight from Manchester and Stansted

Travel & Tour World – 28/02/2024

<https://www.travelandtourworld.com/news/article/royal-jordanian-airlines-launches-new-flight-from-manchester-and-stansted/>

Manchester

Manchester Airport introduce new scanners but issue warning for travellers

Liverpool Echo – 27/02/2024

<https://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/uk-world-news/manchester-airport-announce-major-change-28715693>

Hundreds of jobs up for grabs at Manchester Airport

Liverpool Echo – 28/02/2024

<https://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/uk-world-news/hundreds-jobs-up-grabs-manchester-28716127>

Local charities benefit from almost £40,000 from Manchester Airport's Community Trust Fund

Marketing Stockport – 26/02/2024

<https://marketingstockport.co.uk/news/local-charities-benefit-from-almost-40000-from-manchester-airports-community-trust-fund/>



Newcastle

Newcastle Airport invites boy to visit air traffic control

BBC – 28/02/2024

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-england-tyne-68426539>

Newcastle Airport launches new premium restaurant

Insider Media – 26/02/2024

<https://www.insidermedia.com/news/north-east/newcastle-airport-launches-new-premium-restaurant>

KLM airline announce extra departures from Newcastle Airport as part of summer 2024 plans

Newcastle World – 27/02/2024

<https://www.newcastleworld.com/news/klm-airline-announce-extra-departures-from-newcastle-airport-as-part-of-summer-plans-4534562>

Southampton

Air ambulance headquarters could be by Southampton Airport

Hampshire Chronicle – 19/02/2024

<https://www.hampshirechronicle.co.uk/news/24127738.air-ambulance-headquarters-southampton-airport/?ref=rss>

Teesside

Ryanair warns flight tax doing damage to Teesside Airport

Northern Echo – 23/02/2024

<https://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/24141216.ryanair-warns-flight-tax-damage-teesside-airport/>

New holiday routes from Teesside promised as part of re-election campaign

Planet Radio – 26/02/2024

<https://planetradio.co.uk/tfm/local/news/new-holiday-routes-from-teesside-promised-as-part-of-re-election-campaign/>

Teesside Airport road named after war hero Andrew Mynarski

Darlington & Stockton Times – 21/02/2024

<https://www.darlingtonandstocktontimes.co.uk/news/24133877.teesside-airport-road-named-war-hero-andrew-mynarski/>