

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: 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>

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

CAP2978: CAA Strategy

CAA – 07/03/2024

<https://www.caa.co.uk/our-work/publications/documents/content/cap2978/>

A MANIFESTO FOR UK LEADERSHIP IN SUSTAINABLE AVIATION

Sustainable Aviation – 11/03/2024

<https://www.sustainableaviation.co.uk/news/a-manifesto-for-uk-leadership-in-sustainable-aviation/>



[Answering your eVTOL future flight questions](#)

NATS blog – 07/03/2024

GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES

London Gatwick supports and inspires school leavers during National Careers Week - 08/03/2024

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-supports-and-inspires-school-leavers-during-national-careers-week-853e-40f32.html>

GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA

Gatwick cuts its diesel vehicle emissions by 90%

ADS Advance – 12/03/2024

<https://www.adsadvance.co.uk/gatwick-cuts-its-diesel-vehicle-emissions-by-90-.html>

Bradford man's questions over Gatwick Airport drone incident

Telegraph and Argus – 07/03/2024

<https://www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk/news/24170033.bradford-mans-questions-gatwick-airport-drone-incident/>

Uzbekistan Airways to introduce new route from Gatwick

Business Travel News – 12/03/2024

<https://www.businesstravelnewseurope.com/Air-Travel/Uzbekistan-Airways-to-introduce-new-route-from-Gatwick>

General Headlines

Watchdog slates airline punctuality as ‘completely unacceptable’

Travel Weekly – 13/03/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/watchdog-slates-airline-punctuality-as-completely-unacceptable>

UK airport with most delays revealed as punctuality still worse than before pandemic

Independent – 12/03/2024

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/airport-most-flight-delays-uk-gatwick-b2511459.html>



ACI World's ASQ Awards highlight the success of regional airports

Regional Gateway – 12/03/2024

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/aci-worlds-asq-awards-highlight-the-success-of-regional-airports/>

Airports Urged To End 'Unfair And Excessive' Pick-Up And Drop-Off Fees

TTG Media – 12/03/2024

<https://www.ttgmedia.com/news/airports-urged-to-end-unfair-and-excessive-pick-up-and-drop-off-fees-45229>

AOA Highlights Work Of Airports On International Women's Day

AOA – 08/03/2024

<https://www.aoa.org.uk/aoa-highlights-work-of-airports-on-international-womens-day/>

Comment: Behind British Airways' £7bn transformation

Travel Weekly – 11/03/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/comment-behind-british-airways-7bn-transformation>

Boeing's terrible year keeps getting worse

City AM – 13/03/2024

<https://www.cityam.com/boeings-terrible-year-keeps-getting-worse/>

Passenger news

New UK airport security rules delayed with items likely to be confiscated

Birmingham Mail – 11/03/2024

<https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/new-uk-airport-security-rules-28793022>

Know before you go: Regulator shares advice for holidaymakers ahead of Easter getaway as passenger demand continues to grow

CAA – 11/03/2024

<https://www.caa.co.uk/newsroom/news/regulator-shares-advice-for-holidaymakers-ahead-of-easter-getaway-as-passenger-demand-continues-to-grow/>

Industry news

UK Civil Aviation Authority unveils new strategy for protecting people, enabling aerospace (*see publications section*)

CAA – 07/03/2024

<https://www.caa.co.uk/newsroom/news/uk-civil-aviation-authority-unveils-new-strategy-for-protecting-people-enabling-aerospace/>



Higher aviation taxes ‘a counterweight to prosperity’, IATA chief warns

Travel Weekly – 07/03/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/higher-aviation-taxes-a-counterweight-to-prosperity-iata-chief-warns>

Environmental news

Sustainable Aviation manifesto calls for government action (*see publications section*)

Travel Weekly – 11/03/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/sustainable-aviation-manifesto-calls-for-government-action>

OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Aberdeen

This is how long you can expect to wait at the ‘UK’s worst airport for delays’

Metro – 07/03/2024

<https://metro.co.uk/2024/03/07/uks-worst-airport-delays-revealed-20418468/?ito=newsnow-feed>

Aberdeen taxi drivers suspected of ‘racial motivations’ in refusing airport passengers

Press & Journal – 10/03/2024

<https://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/fp/news/aberdeen-aberdeenshire/6393641/aberdeen-airport-taxi-drivers-suspected-racism/>

Belfast International

Graham Keddie departs Belfast International Airport MD role

Belfast Telegraph – 12/03/2024

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/business/northern-ireland/graham-keddie-departs-belfast-international-airport-md-role/a948922646.html>



Birmingham

Inside Birmingham Airport's Uber hub - where it's feast or famine for expectant drivers

Birmingham Mail – 10/03/2024

<https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/inside-birmingham-airports-uber-hub-28781327>

Bristol

List of airports that 'won't hit' June 1 deadline for new liquid rule

Bristol Post – 13/03/2024

<https://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/uk-world-news/list-airports-wont-hit-june-9161883>

Jet2.com to fly with sustainable aviation fuel blend from Bristol airport

Travel Weekly – 07/03/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/jet2-com-to-fly-with-sustainable-aviation-fuel-blend-from-bristol-airport>

Wiltshire couple slam 'profiteering' price hikes at Bristol Airport

Wiltshire Times – 07/03/2024

<https://www.wiltshiretimes.co.uk/news/24164767.wiltshire-couple-slam-profiteering-price-hikes-bristol-airport/>

East Midlands

Risk of 'exposure to hazardous substances' at East Midlands Airport

Planet Radio – 04/03/2024

<https://planetradio.co.uk/greatest-hits/rutland/news/report-on-east-midlands-airport/>

A Busy Easter Ahead for East Midlands Airport

Aviation Source News – 13/03/2024

<https://aviationsourcenews.com/airport/a-busy-easter-ahead-for-east-midlands-airport/>

3.8 million passengers used East Midlands Airport this year – Naples and Paris flights added

West Bridgford Wire – 11/03/2024

<https://westbridgfordwire.com/3-8-million-passengers-used-east-midlands-airport-this-year-naples-and-paris-flights-added/>



Edinburgh

Plans for huge Edinburgh hotel with swimming pool and gym next to airport

Edinburgh Live – 13/03/2024

<https://www.edinburghlive.co.uk/news/edinburgh-news/plans-huge-edinburgh-hotel-swimming-28809565>

Glasgow

Accessibility tech to be trialled at Glasgow Airport

International Airport Review – 11/03/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/216250/accessibility-tech-to-be-trialled-at-glasgow-airport/>

Inverness

This Scottish airport has been named the best in Europe for customer service

Time Out – 13/03/2024

<https://www.timeout.com/uk/news/this-scottish-airport-has-been-named-the-best-in-europe-for-customer-service-031324>

£4 million investment in energy efficient runway lighting for Inverness Airport

Inverness Courier – 13/03/2024

<https://www.inverness-courier.co.uk/news/4-million-investment-in-energy-efficient-runway-lighting-fo-344944/>

Liverpool

Liverpool Airport Targeted in Alleged Cyberattack by Anonymous Collective Hackers

The Cyber Express – 13/03/2024

<https://thecyberexpress.com/liverpool-airport-cyberattack/>

Metro Mayor hints at new public transport connection to Liverpool Airport

Liverpool World – 07/03/2024

<https://www.liverpoolworld.uk/news/metro-mayor-hints-at-new-transport-connection-to-liverpool-airport-4547164>



London Heathrow

Inside the revolution at ‘incompetent’ Heathrow: How the UK’s biggest airport seeks to wave goodbye to turbulent times

Telegraph – 10/03/2024

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/business/2024/03/10/heathrow-airport-uk-decline-economy/>

Heathrow attacks ‘missed opportunity’ to back British business in spring Budget

Travel Weekly – 11/03/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/heathrow-attacks-missed-opportunity-to-back-british-business-in-spring-budget>

Frankfurt, Heathrow, Schiphol: Climate activists plan days of actions at European airports

Euronews – 13/03/2024

<https://www.euronews.com/green/2024/03/13/frankfurt-heathrow-schiphol-climate-activists-plan-days-of-actions-at-european-airports>

Heathrow records highest February passenger numbers

The Standard – 11/03/2024

<https://www.standard.co.uk/business/business-news/heathrow-records-highest-february-passenger-numbers-b1144434.html>

Images released of two men sought following Heathrow Airport assault

Met Police – 07/03/2024

<https://news.met.police.uk/news/images-released-of-two-men-sought-following-heathrow-airport-assault-480560>

Heathrow Airport elevates sustainability drive with launch of renewable biofuel breakfast

The Moodie Davitt Report – 12/03/2024

<https://moodiedavittreport.com/heathrow-airport-elevates-sustainability-drive-with-launch-of-renewable-biofuel-breakfast/>

London Luton

Herts councils oppose London Luton Airport expansion

The Comet – 11/03/2024

<https://www.thecomet.net/news/24177471.herts-councils-oppose-london-luton-airport-expansion/>



New LEGO Store opens at London Luton Airport complete with AR experience

Brick Fanatics – 11/03/2024

<https://www.brickfanatics.com/new-lego-store-london-luton-airport>

London Southend

How Southend Airport wants to bring back the glory days

Telegraph – 12/03/2024

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/travel/news/southend-london-airport-glory-days-regional-travel/>

London Stansted

Record-breaking February at Stansted Airport with more than 1.92m passengers

Bishop's Stortford Independent – 13/03/2024

<https://www.bishopstortfordindependent.co.uk/news/record-breaking-february-at-stansted-airport-with-more-than-9357088/>

National Express launches electric coach trial at Stansted

Dunmow Broadcast – 08/03/2024

<https://www.dunmowbroadcast.co.uk/news/24172916.national-express-launches-electric-coach-trial-stansted/>

Manchester

Manchester Airport has great news for passengers over security queue times

Manchester Evening News – 11/03/2024

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/manchester-airport-has-good-news-28798948>

Manchester gains Amman link with Royal Jordanian Airlines

Travel Weekly – 07/03/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/manchester-gains-amman-link-with-royal-jordanian-airlines>

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>



Southampton

EasyJet adds summer capacity from Southend airport

Travel Weekly – 07/03/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/easyjet-adds-summer-capacity-from-southend-airport>

Teeside

One year since new security scanners installed at Teesside Airport

Planet Radio – 08/03/2024

<https://planetradio.co.uk/tfm/local/news/one-year-new-security-scanners-installed-teesside-airport/>