

GATCOM WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN



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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>

PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

Issue 1 2024 International Airport Review: In this issue of International Airport Review we feature articles from industry experts on a range of topics including: airport experience, future vision of Changi Airport, biometrics, route development, innovation, air traffic control, airport associations and future workforce

International Airport Review - 21/03/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/article/216917/issue-1-2024-international-airport-review/>

Guide to Airport Experience Issue 1 2024

International Airport Review – 22/03/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/article/216922/guide-to-airport-experience-issue-1-2024/>

Focusing on customer experience, sustainability and growth through innovation
Listen to this exclusive podcast with ACI World's Director General

International Airport Review – 25/03/2024

https://www.internationalairportreview.com/podcast/focusing-on-customer-experience-sustainability-and-growth-through-innovation/?utm_source=email_other&utm_medium_source=email&utm_campaign=email_podcast_13_03_24&gator_td=USm4FqMrq3NCa0b4Mobfe3nrF%2b1PM%2fZhUHrIN71X2CqA%2f4pQc1U7K8O

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GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES

New London Gatwick taxiway to help reduce delays and cut aircraft emissions – 27/03/2024

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/new-london-gatwick-taxiway-to-help-reduce-delays-and-cut-aircraft-emissions-461d-40f32.html>

London Gatwick ready to welcome passengers over busy Easter getaway - 25/03/2024

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-ready-to-welcome-passengers-over-busy-easter-getaway-25ef-40f32.html>

GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA

'58%' of railway services to and from Gatwick Airport are delayed or cancelled, study suggests

Sussex World – 25/03/2024

<https://www.sussexexpress.co.uk/news/people/58-of-railway-services-to-and-from-gatwick-airport-are-delayed-or-cancelled-study-suggests-4568584>

Gatwick control tower disruption 'regrettable', airport concedes

Travel Weekly – 21/03/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/gatwick-control-tower-disruption-regrettable-airport-concedes>

Gatwick boss eyes long-haul market amid expansion drive and jostle with Heathrow

City AM – 25/03/2024

<https://www.cityam.com/gatwick-boss-eyes-long-haul-market-amid-expansion-drive-and-jostle-with-heathrow/>



General Headlines

Cross-government meetings on travel fail to materialise

Travel Weekly – 22/03/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/regulation/cross-government-meetings-on-travel-fail-to-materialise>

AOA To Be Renamed 'Airports UK'

AOA – March 2024

<https://www.aoa.org.uk/aoa-to-be-renamed-airports-uk/>

Comment: BA's brand remains as powerful today as ever

Travel Weekly – 27/03/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/in-depth/comment/comment-bas-brand-remains-as-powerful-today-as-ever>

Passenger news

Rylan Clark joins Virgin Atlantic cabin crew as the airline reveals data on what passengers really want

Attitude – 26/03/2024

<https://www.attitude.co.uk/life/rylan-clarke-joins-virgin-atlantic-cabin-crew-as-the-company-reveals-data-on-what-passengers-really-want-462514/>

Industry news

Analysis: A damning report on air traffic chaos

Travel Weekly – 25/03/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/analysis-a-damning-report-on-air-traffic-chaos>

Environmental news

Review Of Environmental Protections And Legislation In Civil Aviation

AEF – 26/03/2024

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2024/03/26/review-of-environmental-protections-and-legislation-in-civil-aviation/>



UK Government urged to take swifter action on advancing domestic SAF production

Regional Gateway – 25/03/2024

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/uk-government-urged-to-take-swifter-action-on-advancing-domestic-saf-production/>

OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Belfast International

BFS reduces vehicle emissions with HVO switch as part of commitment “to working differently to meet ambitious targets”

Future Travel Experience – 26/03/2024

<https://www.futuretravelexperience.com/2024/03/bfs-reduces-vehicle-emissions-with-hvo-switch-as-part-of-commitment-to-working-differently-to-meet-ambitious-targets/>

Birmingham

Birmingham invests in technology to provide local community with visibility of aircraft operations

Regional Gateway – 25/03/2024

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/birmingham-invests-in-technology-to-provide-local-community-with-visibility-of-aircraft-operations/>

Birmingham Airport supports local employment

ADS Advance – 21/03/2024

<https://www.adsadvance.co.uk/birmingham-airport-supports-local-employment.html>

Birmingham set to become first major UK airport to scrap 100ml liquids rule

Travel Gossip – 21/03/2024

<https://www.travelgossip.co.uk/latestnews/birmingham-airport-set-to-become-first-major-uk-airport-to-scrap-100ml-liquids-rule/>

Inspiring city figures feature on mural

BBC – 27/03/2024

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c13d585rlxmo>



Bristol

Bristol Airport agrees renewable energy deal

Business Live – 22/03/2024

<https://www.business-live.co.uk/economic-development/bristol-airport-agrees-renewable-energy-28867571>

Woman fined after stopping car for 33 seconds at Bristol Airport due to car park 'panic'

Somerset Live – 25/03/2024

<https://www.somersetlive.co.uk/news/somerset-news/woman-fined-after-stopping-car-9186501>

Bristol Airport bracing for its busiest Easter period ever

Weston Mercury – 23/03/2024

<https://www.thewestonmercury.co.uk/news/24203405.bristol-airport-bracing-busiest-easter-period-ever/>

East Midlands

Big changes at East Midlands Airport ahead of Easter holidays

Leicester Mercury – 20/03/2024

<https://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/news/leicester-news/east-midlands-airport-bars-shops-9178386>

Edinburgh

Edinburgh Airport: Scotland Urged to Lead in Sustainable Aviation Technology by Professor Maclennan

Travel and Tour World – 23/03/2024

<https://www.travelandtourworld.com/news/article/edinburgh-airport-scotland-urged-to-lead-in-sustainable-aviation-technology-by-professor-maclennan/>

Report shows that aviation is critical for Scottish economy

Edinburgh Reporter – 22/03/2024

<https://theedinburghreporter.co.uk/2024/03/report-shows-that-aviation-is-critical-for-scottish-economy/>



Edinburgh Airport takes legal action in row with city council over proposed new access road

Edinburgh News – 22/03/2024

<https://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/edinburgh-airport-takes-legal-action-in-row-with-city-council-over-proposed-new-access-road-4570165>

Farnborough

Farnborough Airport and BMW begin electric vehicle partnership

Airport Technology – 20/03/2024

<https://www.airport-technology.com/news/farnborough-airport-bmw-electric-vehicle-partnership/>

Glasgow

Pupils go behind the scenes at busy Glasgow Airport

Glasgow Times – 24/03/2024

<https://www.glasgowtimes.co.uk/news/24207084.pupils-go-behind-scenes-busy-glasgow-airport/>

Leeds Bradford

Leeds Bradford Airport breached night flight rules 577 times but bosses escape fine

Leeds Live – 25/03/2024

<https://www.leeds-live.co.uk/news/leeds-news/leeds-bradford-airport-breached-night-28879058>

Liverpool

First Jet2 flight prepares for take off from Liverpool Airport - full list of Jet2 routes from Liverpool

Liverpool World -27/03/2024

<https://www.liverpoolworld.uk/news/first-jet2-flight-prepares-for-take-off-from-liverpool-airport-full-list-of-jet2-routes-from-liverpool-4570401>



London City

'Significant risk to security' at London City Airport, report finds

The Standard – 26/03/2024

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/report-risk-security-london-city-airport-david-neal-b1147809.html>

I'll never regret exposing the airport scandal - even though it cost me my job, writes former borders watchdog DAVID NEAL

Mail Online – 26/03/2024

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-13242341/airport-scandal-cost-job-DAVID-NEAL.html>

London Heathrow

Australian infrastructure giant plots Heathrow Airport swoop

Telegraph – 23/03/2024

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/business/2024/03/23/macquarie-plots-swoop-on-heathrow-airport/>

Macquarie not considering buying a stake in Heathrow Airport

City AM – 24/03/2024

<https://www.cityam.com/macquarie-not-considering-buying-a-stake-in-heathrow-airport/>

Heathrow Airport Passport Control Staff Vote To Strike

Simple Flying – 23/03/2024

<https://simpleflying.com/heathrow-border-force-vote-to-strike/>

Heathrow Airport chaos as British tourists warned they face Easter holiday misery

Express – 24/03/2024

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/world/1881069/heathrow-airport-strikes-easter-holiday>

Heathrow gears up for six extra summer routes

Travel Weekly – 25/03/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/heathrow-gears-up-for-six-extra-summer-routes>



London Luton

Report reveals cause of huge Luton Airport car park fire

Independent – 25/03/2024

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/luton-airport-fire-car-park-cause-b2517206.html>

New app to help blind and partially sighted people at Luton Airport Parkway

Luton Today – 22/03/2024

<https://www.lutontoday.co.uk/news/people/new-app-to-help-blind-and-partially-sighted-people-at-luton-airport-parkway-4565229>

London Southend

Firm behind Southend airport calls in administrators

Travel Weekly – 22/03/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/firm-behind-southend-airport-calls-in-administrators>

Southend Airport insists it's 'business as usual' despite owner calling in administrators

Travel Gossip – 22/03/2024

<https://www.travelgossip.co.uk/latestnews/southend-airport-insists-its-business-as-usual-despite-owner-calling-in-administrators/>

London Stansted

Stansted Airport: Campaigners fight against night flights

Saffron Walden Reporter – 26/03/2024

<https://www.saffronwaldenreporter.co.uk/news/24212128.stansted-airport-campaigners-fight-night-flights/>

Good Friday forecast as busiest day over Easter at Stansted

Travel Weekly – 27/03/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/good-friday-forecast-as-busiest-day-over-easter-at-stansted>



Manchester

Manchester airport terminal ranked as the worst in the UK due to terrible queues
Independent – 21/03/2024

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/manchester-airport-ranked-worst-uk-research-b2516208.html>

Plan to boost Manchester airport rail connectivity outlined

Travel Weekly – 26/03/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/plan-to-boost-manchester-airport-rail-connectivity-outlined>

Newcastle

Crackdown on 'illegal and dangerous' parking around Newcastle International Airport

Northumberland Gazette – 20/03/2024

<https://www.northumberlandgazette.co.uk/news/politics/council/crackdown-on-illegal-and-dangerous-parking-around-newcastle-international-airport-4562678>