

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

[Small airspace improvements that deliver big benefits](#)

NATS blog – 27/02/2024



Four Groundbreaking Innovations Transforming The Airline Industry This Month

OAG blog – 05/03/2024

https://www.oag.com/blog/four-groundbreaking-innovations-transforming-the-airline-industry-this-month-future-of-travel?utm_medium=email&_hsmt=296858950&_hsenc=p2ANqtz--2BTlilaW6Yc_OvYC9WIJWaexsEr1Eyul3lLZ8N3vgdP4ZVfhDUsgjUJdhKWg3miBh9Vp3YnSyZXq5H1w7Oo_IHSGJTw&utm_content=296858950&utm_source=hs_email

Spain's Hollow Domestic Flight Change: Regulatory Interference Highlights How Well Airlines Self-Regulate

OAG blog – 06/03/2024

https://www.oag.com/blog/regulatory-interference-highlights-how-well-airlines-self-regulate?utm_medium=email&_hsmt=297074709&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-_DZk_SagAQo5RuUX-fQMsg9NQrki5u1zTnklsiRgpFphEcjhnMmclBzxCYJnZ16P0u792F_8zJWsAlwEzArNLisrB1Tw&utm_content=297074709&utm_source=hs_email

Institutions of Innovation: Civil Aviation Authority

Tech UK – 28/02/2024

<https://www.techuk.org/resource/institutions-of-innovation-civil-aviation-authority.html>

GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA

Motorway of the skies' plan for Gatwick sparks fears among residents

Yahoo – 02/03/2024

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/motorway-skies-plan-gatwick-sparks-050000525.html>

The £2.2bn mega-project to create new runway at one of UK's biggest airports

Express – 06/03/2024

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/1874161/london-gatwick-airport-second-runway-cost-travel-news>

Gatwick expansion DCO inquiry begins – and will last for 6 months

Airport Watch – 28/02/2024

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2024/02/gatwick-expansion-dco-inquiry-begins-and-will-last-for-6-months/>



Gatwick Airport runway inquiry hears from businesses and locals

BBC – 29/02/2024

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

Gatwick Airport: Car park targeted by tyre thefts, Sussex Police say

The Argus – 03/03/2024

<https://www.theargus.co.uk/news/24155910.gatwick-airport-car-park-targeted-tyre-thefts-sussex-police-say/>

General Headlines

Government reluctant to row back on relaxing airport liquids restrictions

Travel Weekly – 01/03/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/government-reluctant-to-row-back-on-relaxing-airport-liquids-restrictions>

UK airports ‘not ready’ for new security scanners, says Jet2 chief

Travel Weekly – 23/02/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/uk-airports-not-ready-for-new-security-scanners-says-jet2-chief>

Tax rise outlined in Budget for airline passengers in premium cabins

Belfast Telegraph – 06/03/2024

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/business/uk-world/tax-rise-outlined-in-budget-for-airline-passengers-in-premium-cabins/a1927078895.html>

Travel and aviation leaders slam Budget APD increase

Travel Weekly – 06/03/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/travel-and-aviation-leaders-slam-budget-apd-increase>

AOA Responds To Budget

AOA – 06/03/2024

<https://www.aoa.org.uk/aoa-responds-to-budget/>

UK Considers New Night Noise Limits for London Airports

AIN Online – 06/03/2024

<https://www.ainonline.com/aviation-news/air-transport/2024-03-06/uk-considers-new-night-noise-limits-london-airports>



European airports edged towards full Covid rebound in January

Travel Weekly – 06/03/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/european-airports-edged-towards-full-covid-rebound-in-january>

Drunken air rage is putting passengers and staff at risk - union

BBC – 29/02/2024

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cv29g3p2q54o>

Booze-fuelled air rage: Should alcohol be banned on planes?

Independent – 01/03/2024

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/alcohol-ban-ryanair-flight-b2504485.html>

Inside world's most futuristic airport with passport-free checks and no liquid rules

Daily Star – 05/03/2024

<https://www.dailystar.co.uk/travel/travel-news/inside-worlds-most-futuristic-airport-32274946>

How British Airways wants to win passengers back: WhatsApp, new lounges and a £7bn facelift

City AM – 05/03/2024

<https://www.cityam.com/british-airways-chief-unveils-7bn-modernisation-with-free-in-flight-whatsapp-new-seats-and-glitzy-first-class/>

Passenger news

CAA launches guide to help passengers navigate flight disruptions, compensation

Yahoo – 04/03/2024

<https://ca.news.yahoo.com/caa-launches-guide-help-passengers-180032985.html>

British Airways to offer free in-flight use of messaging apps

Yahoo – 06/03/2024

<https://uk.finance.yahoo.com/news/british-airways-offer-free-flight-112619971.html>

Industry news

CAA chair re-appointed until 2028

Travel Weekly – 04/03/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/caa-chair-re-appointed-until-2028>



Environmental news

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

Yahoo – 27/02/2024

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/london-city-most-exposed-air-154346776.html>

Hard work needed if UK wants strong SAF industry, says airport boss

Travel Weekly – 28/02/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/hard-work-needed-if-uk-wants-strong-saf-industry-says-airport-boss>

British Airways owner IAG secures ‘largest’ sustainable aviation fuel deal

Travel Weekly – 28/02/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/british-airways-owner-iag-secures-largest-sustainable-aviation-fuel-deal>

Neste launches solution for businesses to purchase SAF and reduce aviation emissions

Regional Gateway – 05/03/2024

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/neste-launches-solution-for-businesses-to-purchase-saf-and-reduce-aviation-emissions/>

OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Aberdeen

UK's Aberdeen Airport Leads in Flight Delays, Surpassing Gatwick and Heathrow

BNN Breaking – 29/02/2024

<https://bnnbreaking.com/aviation/uks-aberdeen-airport-leads-in-flight-delays-surpassing-gatwick-and-heathrow>

Aberdeen International invites passengers to share stories for 90th anniversary

Business Traveller – 02/03/2024

<https://www.businesstraveller.com/business-travel/2024/03/02/aberdeen-international-invites-passengers-to-share-stories-for-90th-anniversary/>



AberNecessities starts partnership with Aberdeen International Airport

Travel Daily News – 05/03/2024

<https://www.traveldailynews.com/aviation/abernecessities-starts-partnership-with-aberdeen-international-airport/>

Birmingham

Passenger numbers up 17pc at Birmingham Airport in February

Shropshire Star – 06/03/2024

<https://www.shropshirestar.com/news/business/2024/03/06/passenger-numbers-up-17pc-at-birmingham-airport-in-february/>

Memorable accomplishments: easyJet commemorates 5m passengers travelling to and from Birmingham Airport

Travel Radar – 01/03/2024

<https://travelradar.aero/memorable-accomplishments-easyjet-commemorates-5m-passengers-travelling-to-and-from-birmingham-airport/>

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/>

East Midlands

147 medical incidents reported at East Midlands Airport in 2023

West Bridgford Wire – 06/03/2024

<https://westbridgfordwire.com/147-medical-incidents-reported-at-east-midlands-airport-in-2023/>

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-cao-hydrogen-challenge/>



Farnborough

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

Alton Herald – 27/02/2024

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

Glasgow

New technology trials underway at Glasgow Airport to benefit passengers

Yahoo – 06/03/2024

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/technology-trials-underway-glasgow-airport-060000863.html>

GLA to host accessibility tech trials

Airports International – 04/03/2024

<https://www.airportsinternational.com/article/gla-host-accessibility-tech-trials>

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/>

Inverness

Highlands and Islands Airports names new chief executive

The Herald – 06/03/2024

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/24167726.highlands-islands-airports-names-new-chief-executive/>

Leeds Bradford

Airlines must overcome rising costs, says Leeds Bradford boss

Travel Weekly – 01/03/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/airlines-must-overcome-rising-costs-says-leeds-bradford-boss>



Leeds Bradford Airport urge passengers to adhere to rules

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

Will Heathrow's third runway ever be built? Its new shareholders may decide

Yahoo – 26/02/2024

<https://uk.finance.yahoo.com/news/heathrow-third-runway-ever-built-114915374.html>

Emirates boss 'not optimistic' about Heathrow expansion

Belfast Telegraph – 29/02/2024

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/business/uk-world/emirates-boss-not-optimistic-about-heathrow-expansion/a893731722.html>

Heathrow new CEO likely to want expansion in numbers, but no new runway

Airport Watch – 26/02/2024

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2024/02/heathrow-new-ceo-likely-to-want-expansion-in-numbers-but-no-new-runway/>

Heathrow denies shelving long-term third runway plan

Travel Weekly – 26/02/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/heathrow-denies-shelving-long-term-third-runway-plan>

Warning of long queues at Heathrow after Easter with Border Force strike threat

Travel Weekly – 04/03/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/warning-of-long-queues-at-heathrow-after-easter-with-border-force-strike-threat>



Transforming airport safety culture and occupational health

Amanda Owen MBE London Heathrow Airport's Health, Safety and Wellbeing Director, details the airport's approach to occupational safety and what the airport does to guarantee passengers' security

International Airport Review – 05/03/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/article/190452/transforming-airport-safety-culture-and-occupational-health/>

TfL crackdown on over 2,000 non-compliant taxis and PHVs at Heathrow Airport in 12 months

Taxi Point – 05/03/2024

<https://www.taxi-point.co.uk/post/tfl-crackdown-on-over-2-000-non-compliant-taxis-and-phvs-at-heathrow-airport-in-12-months>

Former BA employee 'ran £3m immigration scam from Heathrow check-in desk'

Independent – 28/02/2024

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/british-airways-employee-heathrow-immigration-scam-b2503787.html>

The Elizabeth line is getting £140 million to fix issues and delays

Time Out – 27/02/2024

<https://www.timeout.com/london/news/the-elizabeth-line-is-getting-140-million-to-fix-issues-and-delays-022724>

British Airways Set To Refurbish All Heathrow Airport Lounges Within 5 Years

Simple Flying – 06/03/2024

<https://simpleflying.com/british-airways-refurbish-all-london-heathrow-lounges-5-years/>

Heathrow Airport signs deal to extend use of NATS' capacity technology

NATS – 29/02/2024

<https://www.nats.aero/news/heathrow-airport-signs-deal-to-extend-use-of-nats-capacity-technology/>

London Luton

On Location: London Luton Airport forges a flowering commercial reputation

The Moodie Davitt Report – 05/03/2024

<https://moodiedavittreport.com/interview-london-luton-airport-forges-a-flowering-reputation/>



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/>

Another major UK airport scraps 100ml liquid restriction in win for British holidaymakers

Express – 06/03/2024

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/1874148/luton-airport-scraps-100ml-liquid-restriction-in-win-for-UK-tourists>

Wizz Air welcomes 90 millionth passenger at Luton Airport

Luton Today – 04/03/2024

<https://www.lutontoday.co.uk/news/transport/wizz-air-welcomes-90-millionth-passenger-at-luton-airport-4541399>

London Southend

Southend airport ‘future secured’ as refinancing deal agreed

Travel Weekly – 06/03/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/southend-airport-future-secured-as-refinancing-deal-agreed>

Who is Carlyle? Giant to 'take control' of Southend Airport

Echo – 06/03/2024

<https://www.echo-news.co.uk/news/24166264.carlyle-giant-take-control-southend-airport/>

Southend Airport announce increased easyJet flights again

Echo – 05/03/2024

<https://www.echo-news.co.uk/news/24162602.southend-airport-announce-increased-easyjet-flights/>

London Stansted

Royal Jordanian Airlines makes Stansted debut

Travel Weekly – 05/03/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/royal-jordanian-airlines-makes-stansted-debut>



Manchester

Manchester Airport named in top 10 UK airports with the longest delays

The Manc – 06/03/2024

<https://themanc.com/trending/manchester-airport-named-in-top-10-uk-airports-with-the-longest-delays/>

Newcastle

Aster & Thyme opens overlooking Newcastle Airport runway

News & Star – 02/03/2024

<https://www.newsandstar.co.uk/news/24158339.aster-thyme-opens-overlooking-newcastle-airport-runway/?ref=rss>

Teesside

Teesside International Airport Advances with Major Water Project Tender, Aiming for Growth

BNN Breaking – 06/03/2024

<https://bnnbreaking.com/world/uk/teesside-international-airport-advances-with-major-water-project-tender-aiming-for-growth>