

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

There are currently no relevant open national consultations.

PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

[NATS OpenAir – another step closer to integrated airspace](#)

NATS blog – 16/07/2024

Airport parking fees in the UK

RAC – 15/07/2024

<https://www.rac.co.uk/drive/travel/driving-in-the-uk/airport-parking-fees-in-the-uk/>

GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES

London Gatwick hosts work experience for school students for the first time

12/07/2024

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-hosts-work-experience-for-school-students-for-the-first-time-6d5c-40f32.html>

London Gatwick prepares to welcome passengers during peak summer season

18/07/2024

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/bac-a-sable-wiz/news/london-gatwick-prepares-to-welcome-passengers-during-peak-summer-season-d5ac-40f32.html>

GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA

Passenger assistance workers suspend strike at Gatwick

Travel Weekly – 10/07/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/passenger-assistance-workers-suspend-strike-at-gatwick>



General Headlines

Air connectivity in Europe has not returned to pre-Covid level

Travel Weekly – 15/07/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/air-connectivity-in-europe-has-not-returned-to-pre-covid-level>

Ryanair boss warns passengers face summer holiday flight cancellations over air traffic control crisis

Independent – 16/07/2024

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/flight-delay-cancellation-air-traffic-control-ryanair-easyjet-b2580049.html>

European flight cancellations soar by 46% in June

Travel Weekly – 12/07/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/european-flight-cancellations-soar-by-46-in-june>

UK's millionth flight is earliest since the pandemic

NATS – 12/07/2024

<https://www.nats.aero/news/uks-millionth-flight-is-earliest-since-the-pandemic/>

CAA to gauge UK airports' progress on accessibility

Travel Weekly – 15/07/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/caa-to-gauge-uk-airports-progress-on-accessibility>

Warning over 'depressing' and 'ridiculous' charge for anyone using airports

Get Surrey – 15/07/2024

<https://www.getsurrey.co.uk/news/uk-world-news/warning-over-depressing-ridiculous-charge-29542367>

Passenger news

Brits could be owed millions in cancelled flights compensation after landmark court ruling

Lad Bible – 11/07/2024

<https://www.ladbible.com/news/uk-news/uk-flight-compensation-rules-supreme-court-ruling-235637-20240711>



Drunk Jet2.com passenger jailed after lighting cigarette on flight

Travel Weekly – 12/07/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/drunken-jet2-com-passenger-jailed-after-lighting-cigarette-on-flight>

Industry news

AOA becomes AirportsUK

Airports UK – 16/07/2024

<https://airportsuk.org/aoa-becomes-airportsuk/>

Environmental news

The polluter must pay for sustainable aviation fuel

AEF – 11/07/2024

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2024/07/11/the-polluter-must-pay-for-sustainable-aviation-fuel/>

OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Aberdeen

Aberdeen Airport strikes averted after workers accept pay deal

Yahoo – 14/07/2024

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/aberdeen-airport-strikes-averted-workers-143727292.html>

Belfast City

Belfast City Airport unveils new marketing campaign

Insider Media – 05/07/2024

<https://www.insidermedia.com/news/Yorkshire/belfast-city-airport-unveils-new-marketing-campaign>

Belfast International

Family of seven 'like battery hens' at packed Belfast airport amid flight delay 'shambles'

Belfast Live – 11/07/2024

<https://www.belfastlive.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/family-seven-like-battery-hens-29524808>



Birmingham

£5 for 15 minutes – how Birmingham Airport is putting up car parking charges

Shropshire Star – 15/07/2024

<https://www.shropshirestar.com/news/transport/2024/07/15/5-for-15-minutes--how-birmingham-airport-is-putting-up-car-parking-charges/>

Surge in coach travel to Birmingham Airport

Express & Star – 15/07/2024

<https://www.expressandstar.com/news/business/2024/07/15/surge-in-coach-travel-to-birmingham-airport/>

New airline launches at Birmingham Airport with Europe flights

Birmingham Live – 10/07/2024

<https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/new-airline-launches-birmingham-airport-29518110>

Ryanair makes Birmingham Airport announcement as airline bosses say 'significant'

Birmingham Mail – 10/07/2024

<https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/ryanair-makes-birmingham-airport-announcement-29516179>

Bristol

Bristol Airport one of UK's most expensive for drop-offs with 'bordering on the ridiculous' charges

Wales Online – 16/07/2024

<https://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/uk-news/bristol-airport-one-uks-most-29549028>

Ryanair to connect Bristol Airport to Fuerteventura and Prague

Weston Mercury – 14/07/2024

<https://www.thewestonmercury.co.uk/news/24449142.ryanair-connect-bristol-airport-fuerteventura-prague/>



East Midlands

East Midlands Airport expects over 700,000 passengers over school holidays

West Bridgford Wire – 15/07/2024

<https://westbridgfordwire.com/east-midlands-airport-expects-over-700000-passengers-over-school-holidays/>

Edinburgh

Dunfermline woman hits out at Edinburgh Airport 'nightmare'

Dunfermline Press – 12/07/2024

<https://www.dunfermlinepress.com/news/24448582.dunfermline-woman-hits-edinburgh-airport-nightmare/>

Farnborough

Farnborough Airshow is Steeped in Aviation History

AIN Online – 17/07/2024

<https://www.ainonline.com/aviation-news/aerospace/2024-07-17/farnborough-airshow-steeped-aviation-history>

Glasgow

Glasgow Airport strike fears dispute ends as Unite secures pay deal

Daily Record – 16/07/2024

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/in-your-area/renfrewshire/glasgow-airport-strike-fears-dispute-33253675>

Liverpool

easyJet announces two new routes from Liverpool John Lennon Airport to Oslo and Sharm-e-Sheikh

easyJet – 17/07/2024

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/WhctKLbFVzfXfVtrlhJwschMJhJsVwdPxDfrPmGKFxDdGGJqPjBFLfsxrMpJpHgqnzWPZBG>



London City

London City Airport granted five-year ban for Just Stop Oil

City AM – 11/07/2024

<https://www.cityam.com/london-city-airport-granted-five-year-ban-for-just-stop-oil/>

London Heathrow

Heathrow boss: "Third runway is still part of the strategy" as passenger traffic booms

The Standard – 12/07/2024

<https://www.standard.co.uk/business/heathrow-boss-third-runway-is-still-part-of-the-strategy-b1170135.html>

Heathrow Airport granted court order against protests

BBC – 09/07/2024

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c97dqx2wy9vo>

New technology to allow Heathrow to prioritise emission targets

NATS – 16/07/2024

<https://www.nats.aero/news/new-technology-to-allow-heathrow-to-prioritise-emission-targets/>

Heathrow has its busiest-ever day as 268,000 passengers travel in 24 hours - just days after British Airways IT meltdown left flyers stranded on planes

Mail Online – 11/07/2024

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-13623589/Heathrow-busiest-day-268-000-passengers-travel-24-hours-just-days-British-Airways-meltdown-left-flyers-stranded-planes.html>

World's busiest airport revealed as Heathrow rises to fourth

Independent – 16/07/2024

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/heathrow-worlds-busiest-airport-ranked-dubai-london-b2580540.html>

Regulator decides on changes to Heathrow Airport Limited's airline charges in response to CMA appeal

CAA – 11/07/2024

<https://www.caa.co.uk/newsroom/news/regulator-decides-on-changes-to-heathrow-airport-limited-s-airline-charges-in-response-to-cma-appeal/>



Heathrow Airport: Landing charge ruling spells trouble for UK's biggest hub

City AM – 11/07/2024

<https://www.cityam.com/heathrow-airport-landing-charge-ruling-spells-trouble-for-uks-biggest-hub/>

American Airlines crew filmed my distress after wheelchair failed to arrive at Heathrow

Guardian – 15/07/2024

<https://www.theguardian.com/money/article/2024/jul/15/american-airlines-crew-filmed-my-distress-after-wheelchair-failed-to-arrive-at-heathrow>

SITA extends contract with Heathrow as biometrics expand in airports globally

Biometric Update – 16/07/2024

<https://www.biometricupdate.com/202407/sita-extends-contract-with-heathrow-as-biometrics-expand-in-airports-globally>

Virgin Atlantic to suspend Heathrow-Shanghai service

Travel Weekly – 17/07/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/virgin-atlantic-to-suspend-heathrow-shanghai-service>

Heathrow Express is offering £10 tickets in August

Ian Visits – 11/07/2024

<https://www.ianvisits.co.uk/articles/heathrow-express-is-offering-10-tickets-in-august-73536/>

London Luton

London Luton Airport takes Best European Airport title

St Albans Review – 17/07/2024

<https://www.stalbansreview.co.uk/news/24456411.london-luton-airport-takes-best-european-airport-title/>

UK airport loved by low-cost airlines reveals two huge changes – and they'll make boarding flights much quicker

The Sun – 16/07/2024

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/travel/29251377/uk-airport-world-best-new-security-drop-off-flights/>

St Albans and Harpenden MPs demand end to Luton Airport expansion

Herts Ad – 15/07/2024

<https://www.hertsad.co.uk/news/24453381.st-albans-harpenden-mps-demand-end-luton-airport-expansion/>



Luton Airport: New express drop off zone opens in front of LLA terminal entrance

Luton Today – 17/07/2024

<https://www.lutontoday.co.uk/travel/luton-airport-new-express-drop-off-zone-opens-in-front-of-lla-terminal-entrance-4702434>

London Stansted

Stansted Airport tops 29 million passengers in 12 months for the first time

Bishop's Stortford Independent – 15/07/2024

<https://www.bishopstortfordindependent.co.uk/news/stansted-airport-tops-29-million-passengers-in-12-months-for-9374730/>

Manchester

MAG airports 'well-placed' for summer peak

Travel Weekly – 11/07/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/mag-airports-well-placed-for-summer-peak>

Manchester Airport's £1 per minute is worst drop-off value in UK says RAC

Manchester Evening News – 17/07/2024

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/cost-of-living/manchester-airports-1-per-minute-29556425>

One of Britain's busiest airports gets new luxury terminal – but people are fuming

The Mirror – 17/07/2024

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/travel/one-britains-busiest-airports-gets-33256273>

Southampton

Bidders line up for Southampton Airport group takeover

Eastleigh News – 10/07/2024

<https://www.eastleighnews.co.uk/2024/07/bidders-line-up-for-southampton-airport-group-takeover/>