



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

CAA Consultation: 2024 Consultation on the Future Direction of the UK Aviation Environmental Review

Closing date: 10/12/2024

<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/policy-development/aviation-environmental-review-consultation/>

PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

£1.1 billion investment to expand Stansted Airport welcomed by ministers Funding will expand Stansted Airport terminal by one-third, helping to support UK businesses and the aviation sector

DfT and HM Treasury – 14/10/2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/11-billion-investment-to-expand-stansted-airport-welcomed-by-ministers>

Associations between Aircraft Noise, Sleep, and Sleep–Wake Cycle: Actimetric Data from the UK Biobank Cohort near Four Major Airports

Environmental Health Perspectives – 25/09/2024

<https://ehp.niehs.nih.gov/doi/10.1289/EHP14156#abstract>

One Sky One Plan: An update on upgrading Britain's skys

ACOG – October 2024

https://s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/assets.acog.aero/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/24_09_19_ACOG_OSOP_Report_FINAL.pdf

Airspace Change Organising Group - Transforming the UK's airspace design to deliver the objectives of airspace modernisation

ACOG Annual Report – 2023/2024

https://s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/assets.acog.aero/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/ACOG_Annual_Report_23_Final.pdf



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Future skills needs across the transport sector: This independent report provides an analysis of the future transport workforce and skills needs
DfT – 24/09/2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/future-skills-needs-across-the-transport-sector>

Drones: Redefining Industries, Revolutionising Lives

NATS Altitude webcast – October 2024

<https://www.nats.aero/news/altitude/drones-redefining-industries-revolutionising-lives/>

GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA

London Gatwick airport campaign group calls on MP to take action about airspace changes

Sussex Express – 14/10/2024

<https://www.sussexexpress.co.uk/news/environment/london-gatwick-airport-campaign-group-calls-on-mp-to-take-action-about-airspace-changes-4823804>

Photos: Protesters Push Crate of Shrieking ‘Monkeys’, Stun Passengers at Gatwick Airport

PETA – 15/10/2024

<https://www.peta.org.uk/media/news-releases/photos-protesters-push-crate-of-shrieking-monkeys-stun-passengers-at-gatwick-airport/>

Children being traumatised at Gatwick deportation centre, finds watchdog

Yahoo – 11/10/2024

https://uk.news.yahoo.com/children-being-traumatised-gatwick-deportation-230136811.html?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly9jLm5ld3Nub3cuY28udWsv&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAActxZ21AtuGCNCS1QDnplFy6XtUkAwaNperjL1avK6fG1PW-TvupnDHZdJU2mYDGBdOUc5vpyAo1gJ8FK--RXQZ41_gy5Hsi_uF9jG3SHkZCLP7mzjmexlVRRevVP2gDfii6S0Ttku6elfP9sjA9lt3hnuV-vWzSWDr0mPJfLFJdD

British Airways To Scrap Daily Gatwick-New York Flight Due To Plane Shortage

Simple Flying – 15/10/2024

<https://simpleflying.com/british-airways-cancels-gatwick-new-york-daily-flight/>



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General Headlines

UK airports continue to smash passenger records

Business Travel News Europe – 15/10/2024

<https://www.businesstravelnewseurope.com/Air-Travel/UK-airports-continue-to-smash-passenger-records>

London could see 'another Heathrow' built adding 83.5 million passengers extra a year

Express – 12/10/2024

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/1959199/London-airports-expansion-plans>

Hit For 6: Does London Have Too Many Commercial Airports?

Simple Flying – 14/10/2024

<https://simpleflying.com/thread/hit-for-6-does-london-have-too-many-commercial-airports/>

Brits risk being stuck on planes when enhanced EU border checks are brought in, EasyJet boss warns

Daily Mail – 09/10/2024

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-13941587/EasyJet-boss-passengers-held-planes-border-checks-EU.html>

Industry bodies welcome European Union's EES delay

Travel Weekly – 11/10/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/tourism/industry-bodies-welcome-european-unions-ees-delay>

Business travel finally recovers from pandemic stagnation

Travel Weekly – 10/10/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/business-travel-finally-recovers-from-pandemic-stagnation>

British Airways blames airspace issues for delays

Travel Weekly – 07/10/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/british-airways-blames-airspace-issues-for-delays>

Aviation industry urges steps to prevent unapproved parts from airplane use

Yahoo – 09/10/2024

<https://uk.finance.yahoo.com/news/aviation-industry-urges-steps-prevent-183630206.html>



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Hypersonic jet could soon get Brits to the US in less than an hour

Mirror – 10/10/2024

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/travel/news/hypersonic-jet-could-soon-brits-33854929>

Passenger news

Airline improves mobility access on planes

BBC – 10/10/2024

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cx25wjj17pno>

Industry news

Industry bodies welcome EU Entry/Exit System delay

Travel Weekly – 11/10/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/tourism/industry-bodies-welcome-eu-entryexit-system-delay>

Environmental news

Major airline to use whisky distillery to battle climate change

Mail Online – 10/10/2024

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/yourmoney/consumer/article-13900341/british-airways-carbon-credits.html>

Travel's global emissions fall but sector still needs to 'up its game

Travel Weekly – 08/10/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/travels-global-emissions-fall-but-sector-still-needs-to-up-its-game>

OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Belfast City

Belfast City Airport has completed a £3m instalment of high-tech security scanners

International Airport Review – 15/10/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/230829/belfast-city-airport-has-completed-a-3m-instalment-of-high-tech-security-scanners/>



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Belfast International

Belfast International Airport pre-tax profits more than double in 2023

Belfast Telegraph – 14/10/2024

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/business/northern-ireland/belfast-international-airport-pre-tax-profits-more-than-double-in-2023/a1829057605.html>

How Belfast International Airport can keep soaring after Covid bounce back

Belfast Telegraph – 15/10/2024

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/business/northern-ireland/how-belfast-international-airport-can-keep-soaring-after-covid-bounce-back/a77047716.html>

Birmingham

UK's leading Indian street food café lands at Birmingham Airport

Birmingham Airport – 08/10/2024

<https://www.birminghamairport.co.uk/latest-news/uks-leading-indian-street-food-cafe-lands-at-birmingham-airport/>

Bristol

'Deeply concerned' Bristol Airport issues statement on £200m-plus Welsh Government subsidy plans for rival Cardiff Airport

Wales Online – 14/10/2024

<https://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/deeply-concerned-bristol-airport-issues-30141048>

Charities receive donations thanks to Bristol Airport's community fund

Weston Mercury – 15/10/2024

<https://www.thewestonmercury.co.uk/news/24652548.charities-receive-donations-thanks-bristol-airports-community-fund/>

East Midlands

Passenger numbers continue to increase at East Midlands Airport

West Bridgford Wire – 10/10/2024

<https://westbridgfordwire.com/passenger-numbers-continue-to-increase-at-east-midlands-airport/>



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Edinburgh

West Fifers braced for Edinburgh airport flight path changes

Dunfermline Press – 08/10/2024

<https://www.dunfermlinepress.com/news/24635117.west-fifers-braced-edinburgh-airport-flight-path-changes/>

Edinburgh Airport launches £5.8m check-in hall redesign

ADS Advance – 07/10/2024

<https://www.adsadvance.co.uk/edinburgh-airport-launches-5-8m-check-in-hall-redesign.html>

Leeds Bradford

Leeds Bradford Airport expansion – what’s the latest? The long running struggle between Leeds Bradford Airport and local people has continued this summer

Yorkshire Bylines – 15/10/2024

<https://yorkshirebylines.co.uk/region/leeds-bradford-airport-expansion-whats-the-latest/>

Airport In Focus: Leeds Bradford Airport

Aviation Week – 14/10/2024

<https://aviationweek.com/air-transport/airport-focus-leeds-bradford-airport>

Leeds Bradford Airport: Easyjet pilots strike planned in October potentially disrupting half-term travel plans

Yorkshire Post – 11/10/2024

<https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/travel/travel-news/leeds-bradford-airport-easyjet-pilots-strike-planned-in-october-potentially-disrupting-half-term-travel-plans-4820770>

London City

London City Airport Secures £130m Lifeline Amid Business Travel Decline

Business Matters – 13/10/2024

<https://bmmagazine.co.uk/news/london-city-airport-secures-130m-lifeline-amid-business-travel-decline/>

London City Returns To Profit

Aviation Week – 14/10/2024

<https://aviationweek.com/special-topics/small-narrowbody-jets/london-city-returns-profit>



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London City Airport will not appeal government ruling against more Saturday flights

Waltham Forest Echo – 09/10/2024

<https://walthamforestecho.co.uk/2024/10/09/london-city-airport-will-not-appeal-government-ruling-against-more-saturday-flights/>

London City Airport awards over £41,000 to local charities through community fund

International Airport Review – 14/10/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/230774/london-city-airport-awards-local-charities-community-fund/>

London Heathrow

Labour will try again to get a third runway at Heathrow airport, warns Boris Johnson

The Standard – 08/10/2024

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/politics/labour-will-try-again-to-get-a-third-runway-at-heathrow-airport-warns-boris-johnson-b1186600.html>

Mayor clashes with Greens over Heathrow expansion

Fulham SW6 – 12/10/2024

<https://www.fulhamsw6.com/#pages/shared:common:ldrshrw015>

Rogue taxi drivers who 'defecate, litter and racially abuse' in villages near Heathrow face £100 fine

The Standard – 14/10/2024

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/politics/heathrow-taxi-hire-driver-villages-flights-wait-passengers-b1187273.html>

Heathrow enjoys record September with 7.3 million passengers

The Standard – 11/10/2024

<https://www.standard.co.uk/business/heathrow-passengers-recovery-september-third-runway-b1187225.html>

Heathrow records busiest ever arrivals day in September

Pilot Web – 14/10/2024

<https://pilotweb.aero/news/heathrow-records-busiest-ever-arrivals-day-in-september/>



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Heathrow Airport issues '15 minute' notice to all passengers

Get Surrey – 09/10/2024

<https://www.getsurrey.co.uk/lifestyle/travel/heathrow-airport-issues-15-minute-30100745>

Heathrow Airport issues reminder over 100ml liquids rule

Get Surrey – 15/10/2024

<https://www.getsurrey.co.uk/news/uk-world-news/heathrow-airport-issues-new-update-30144825>

IAG Cargo partners with Animal Aircare on Heathrow animal exports

Air Cargo News – 15/10/2024

<https://www.aircargonews.net/airlines/iag-cargo-partners-with-animal-aircare-on-heathrow-animal-exports/>

Language skills on Heathrow Express

Rail Magazine – 14/10/2024

<https://www.railmagazine.com/news/2024/10/11/language-skills-on-heathrow-express>

London Luton

EVs cleared of blame in Luton Airport fire investigation

Regit – 14/10/2024

<https://www.regit.cars/car-news/evs-cleared-of-blame-in-luton-airport-fire-ivestigation>

Sprinklers 'could have limited' huge car park fire

BBC – 09/10/2024

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c153x5gqv3do>

London Southend

The seaside airport that's the fastest growing in the UK as easyJet launches new flights

Express – 04/10/2024

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/1957278/uk-airport-london-southend-easyjet>



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London Stansted

London's Stansted airport is getting a vast £1.1 billion expansion

Time Out – 15/10/2024

<https://www.timeout.com/london/news/londons-stansted-airport-is-getting-a-vast-1-1-billion-expansion-101524>

First look at Stansted Airport's £1.1bn plan to boost passenger numbers to 43 million a year

The Standard – 14/10/2024

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/stansted-airport-passengers-boost-b1187677.html>

Updated: Stansted £1.1bn investment to include £600m terminal extension

Travel Weekly – 14/10/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/stansted-1-1bn-investment-programme-to-include-600m-terminal-extension>

Manchester

Manchester airport passes 30m-passenger milestone

Travel Weekly – 11/10/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/manchester-airport-passes-30m-passenger-milestone>

The Manchester Airport parking options dubbed best and worst by Which?

Manchester Evening News – 10/10/2024

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/manchester-airport-parking-options-dubbed-30107009>

Newcastle

Newcastle Airport Crowned Overall Winner at the Routes World Awards 2024

Routes – 15/10/2024

<https://www.routesonline.com/airports/8267/newcastle-international-airport/news/299663660/newcastle-airport-crowned-overall-winner-at-the-routes-world-awards-2024/>



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Newcastle Airport parking restrictions begin next week as drivers face £70 fine for stopping on 'red route'

Chronicle Live – 15/10/2024

<https://www.chroniclelive.co.uk/news/north-east-news/newcastle-airport-parking-restrictions-begin-30142977>

Southampton

Southampton Airport looks to 5 million passengers despite current cap

Eastleigh News – 14/10/2024

<https://www.eastleighnews.co.uk/2024/10/southampton-airport-looks-to-5-million-passengers-despite-current-cap/>

Teesside

Teesside International Airport makes flyer pledge

Bdaily – 15/10/2024

<https://bdaily.co.uk/articles/2024/10/15/teesside-international-airport-makes-flyer-pledge>