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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 and CAA Joint Consultation: Creating a UK Airspace Design Service (UKADS)

Closing date: 17/12/2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/creating-a-uk-airspace-design-service-ukads>

Written statement to Parliament 22/10/2024 - Proposing to create a UK Airspace Design Service

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/proposing-to-create-a-uk-airspace-design-service>

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

Policy paper: Airspace modernisation - Why we need to modernise UK airspace and what we are doing

DfT – 22/10/2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/airspace-modernisation>

New plans for quicker, quieter and cleaner flights on the horizon Have your say on proposals to establish a UK Airspace Design Service

DfT and CAA – 22/10/2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-plans-for-quicker-quieter-and-cleaner-flights-on-the-horizon>



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Official Statistics: Air passenger experience of security screening: 2023
Results from a short set of questions about experiences of security screening from the CAA Departing Passenger Survey at selected UK airports in 2023
DfT – 23/10/2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/air-passenger-experience-of-security-screening-2023>

Cutting-edge transport projects receive £1.4 million to encourage innovation and deliver growth

DfT – 23/10/2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/cutting-edge-transport-projects-receive-14-million-to-encourage-innovation-and-deliver-growth>

Airports Council International Europe has released a new study on “The Economic and Social Impact of European Airports & Air Connectivity”, revealing the economic and social benefits of the aviation industry

International Airport Review – 18/10/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/230960/airports-council-international-europe-has-released-a-new-study-on-the-aviation-industrys-impact-on-the-continent/>

Transforming global air traffic: Istanbul Airport’s (IST) triple runway operations

International Airport Review – 21/10/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/article/223920/istanbul-airport-traffic/>

GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA

London Gatwick can help the new government meet its missions for national renewal

Politics Home – 24/09/2024

<https://www.politicshome.com/members/article/london-gatwick-help-new-government-meet-missions-national-renewal>

This is why British Airways has been forced to cancel all flights from London Gatwick to New York until 2025

Sussex Express – 23/10/2024

<https://www.sussexexpress.co.uk/travel/this-is-why-british-airways-has-been-forced-to-cancel-all-flights-from-london-gatwick-to-new-york-until-2025-4836071>



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EasyJet offering salaries up to 170k in pilot recruitment battle at Gatwick

Independent – 21/10/2024

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/gatwick-pilot-salary-recruitment-easyjet-british-airways-b2632641.html>

General Headlines

New plans for quicker, quieter and cleaner flights on the horizon

CAA – 22/10/2024

<https://www.caa.co.uk/newsroom/news/new-plans-for-quicker-quieter-and-cleaner-flights-on-the-horizon/>

Heathrow vs Gatwick. The tricky runway choice heading Labour's way in 2025

The Standard – 23/10/2024

<https://www.standard.co.uk/business/heathrow-gatwick-runway-passengers-air-travel-labour-b1189611.html>

Comment: It's time for a joined-up response to flight disruption

Travel Weekly – 17/10/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/in-depth/comment/comment-its-time-for-a-joined-up-response-to-flight-disruption>

Airline bosses demand urgent reform of 'fragmented' European airspace

Travel Weekly – 17/10/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/airline-bosses-demand-urgent-reform-of-fragmented-european-airspace>

Airlines can expect continuing aircraft delivery delays, report warns

Travel Weekly – 22/10/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/airlines-can-expect-continuing-aircraft-delivery-delays-report-warns>

Passenger news

25 years in transport – what I've learned

Passenger Transport – 17/10/2024

<https://www.passengertransport.co.uk/2024/10/25-years-in-transport-what-ive-learned/>



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Environmental news

Wizz Air to start first SAF flights

Travel Weekly – 21/10/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/wizz-air-to-start-first-saf-flights>

OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Belfast City

Belfast City Airport's 'Autism in the Air' event gave opportunity for autistic people to experience the airport

International Airport Review – 22/10/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/231031/belfast-city-airports-autism-in-the-air-event-gave-opportunity-for-autistic-people-to-experience-the-airport/>

Belfast City Airport completes investment to significantly streamline security experience

Future Travel Experience – 16/10/2024

<https://www.futuretravelexperience.com/2024/10/belfast-city-airport-completes-investment-to-significantly-streamline-security-experience/>

Belfast International

Belfast International Airport achieves Level 3 Optimisation, strengthening its commitment to sustainable operations

Travel Daily News – 21/10/2024

<https://www.traveldailynews.com/aviation/belfast-international-airport-achieves-level-3-optimisation-strengthening-its-commitment-to-sustainable-operations/>

Belfast International Airport actively engaging with airlines around reopening a transatlantic route, says CEO

Irish News – 21/10/2024

<https://www.irishnews.com/news/business/belfast-international-airport-actively-engaging-with-airlines-around-reopening-a-transatlantic-route-says-ceo-GSNAX6ZY3NDMRDRSGVZ7G7TVVI/>



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Birmingham

Birmingham airport suspends operations amid police operation

Travel Weekly – 23/10/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/birmingham-airport-suspends-operations-amid-police-operation>

Concern over airport's bid for more night flights

BBC – 23/10/2024

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cwyg5py3gngo>

Bristol

Bristol Airport awards £50,000 to local good causes

Business Biscuit – 22/10/2023

<https://businessbiscuit.com/esg-news/business-social-impact-news/bristol-airport-awards-50000-to-local-good-causes/>

Bristol Airport donates security trays to good causes in Weston

North Somerset Times – 20/10/2024

<https://www.northsomersettimes.co.uk/news/24659423.bristol-airport-donates-security-trays-good-causes-weston/>

East Midlands

East Midlands Airport: wands and owls all in a day's work of 'wizard'

Derby World – 22/10/2024

<https://www.derbyworld.co.uk/news/east-midlands-airport-safety-team-4834323>

Airport closure needed for power site demolition

BBC – 17/10/2024

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c2kdww5x8dyo>

Edinburgh

Major supermarket chain to open first airport store in Scotland

The Herald – 21/10/2024

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/24666061.major-supermarket-chain-open-first-airport-store-scotland/>



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Glasgow Prestwick

Air traffic control provider to build new staff facility at Prestwick HQ

Daily Record – 23/10/2024

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/ayrshire/air-traffic-control-provider-build-33946032>

Inverness

OCS awarded passenger services contract at Inverness Airport

FMJ – 21/10/2024

<https://www.fmj.co.uk/ocs-awarded-passenger-services-contract-at-inverness-airport/>

Liverpool

Ryanair launches three new Liverpool routes for winter 2024

Travel Weekly – 18/10/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/cruise/ryanair-launches-three-new-liverpool-routes-for-winter-2024>

London Heathrow

Decision on Heathrow Airport third runway expected 'within a few months'

The Standard – 23/10/2024

<https://www.standard.co.uk/business/heathrow-third-runway-decision-passengers-travel-taylor-swift-b1189507.html>

Heathrow Elevates Standards as Airlines Compete for Dominance in Noise and Emissions Performance

Travel and Tour World – 22/10/2024

<https://www.travelandtourworld.com/news/article/heathrow-elevates-standards-as-airlines-compete-for-dominance-in-noise-and-emissions-performance/>

Heathrow expects to handle record 83.8m passengers in 2024

The Standard – 23/10/2024

<https://www.standard.co.uk/business/business-news/heathrow-expects-to-handle-record-83-8m-passengers-in-2024-b1189545.html>

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Heathrow makes pre-Budget appeal for government to back aviation sector

Travel Weekly – 23/10/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/heathrow-makes-pre-budget-appeal-for-government-to-back-aviation-sector>

UK Budget: Heathrow warns government must not 'jeopardise competitive position'

The National – 23/10/2024

<https://www.thenationalnews.com/business/2024/10/23/uk-budget-heathrow-warns-government-must-not-jeopardise-competitive-position/>

Heathrow Airport retail revenue growth outpaces passenger traffic in first nine months

The Moodie Davitt Report – 23/10/2024

<https://moodiedavittreport.com/heathrow-airport-retail-revenue-growth-outpaces-passenger-traffic-in-first-nine-months/>

How does Heathrow Airport crackdown on taxi touts in the terminals

Taxi Point – 20/10/2024

<https://www.taxi-point.co.uk/post/how-does-heathrow-airport-crackdown-on-taxi-touts-in-the-terminals>

Heathrow Airport terminal drop-off fee set to rise in 2025

Taxi Point – 23/10/2024

<https://www.taxi-point.co.uk/post/rising-costs-heathrow-airport-terminal-drop-off-fee-set-to-rise-in-2025>

London Luton

New security scanning technology now allows faster security processing times at London Luton Airport

International Airport Review – 23/10/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/231062/new-security-scanning-technology-now-allows-faster-security-processing-times-at-london-luton-airport/>

London Luton Airport achieves global no.1 Airport spot by GRESB for third year

Luton Today – 23/10/2024

<https://www.lutontoday.co.uk/business/london-luton-airport-achieves-global-no1-airport-spot-by-gresb-for-third-year-4836902>



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London Stansted

London Stansted embarks on exciting new chapter

City AM – 22/10/2024

<https://www.cityam.com/london-stansted-embarks-on-exciting-new-chapter/>

All you need to know about £1bn airport expansion

BBC – 19/10/2024

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cvg19853w7xo>

Stansted gains new Rotterdam route

Travel Weekly – 22/10/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/stansted-gains-new-rotterdam-route>

Manchester

'Manchester Airport owe us millions - at some point they have to pay'

Manchester Evening News – 23/10/2024

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/manchester-airport-owe-millions-point-30204274>

Manchester Airport's HUGE new hotel has opened - and it's a stunner right next to Terminal 2

Manchester Evening News – 21/10/2024

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/whats-on/whats-on-news/manchester-airport-biggest-hotel-tribe-30193137>

Newcastle

Airport parking clampdown to begin

BBC – 20/10/2024

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cj9jxj48wrdo>

Southampton

Digital drone flight approval service now live at Southampton Airport

NATS – 16/10/2024

<https://www.nats.aero/news/digital-drone-flight-approval-service-now-live-at-southampton-airport/>