



# GATCOM WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

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**31 OCTOBER 2024**

## CURRENT NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

### **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>

### **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

### **Symposium on accessibility in aviation to address barriers faced by travellers with disabilities to be hosted in December**

International Airport Review – 30/10/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/231261/symposium-on-accessibility-in-aviation-to-address-barriers-faced-by-travellers-with-disabilities-to-be-hosted-in-december/>

### **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>

### **AirportsUK comment on new airspace modernisation coordinating body**

Airports UK – 22/10/2024

<https://airportsuk.org/airportsuk-comment-on-new-airspace-modernisation-coordinating-body/>



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### **Air passenger experience of security screening: 2023**

DfT Official Statistics – 23/10/2024

[https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/air-passenger-experience-of-security-screening-2023/air-passenger-experience-of-security-screening-2023#:~:text=In%202023%2C%20the%20majority%20of,organisation%20\(cited%20by%203%25\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/air-passenger-experience-of-security-screening-2023/air-passenger-experience-of-security-screening-2023#:~:text=In%202023%2C%20the%20majority%20of,organisation%20(cited%20by%203%25))

[How we've been giving back this quarter](#)

NATS blog – 28/10/2024

### **GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES**

#### **London Gatwick contributes £14,000 to support Crawley families**

30/10/2024

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-contributes-ps14-000-to-support-crawley-families-95069-40f32.html>

### **GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA**

#### **British Airways axes all flights from Gatwick Airport to New York 'until 2025'**

Mirror – 27/10/2024

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/british-airways-axes-flights-gatwick-33982141>

#### **BA brings back Bangkok to network from Gatwick**

Travel Weekly – 30/10/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/ba-brings-back-bangkok-to-network-from-gatwick>

#### **Norse Atlantic starts low fare Gatwick-Cape Town route**

Travel Weekly – 30/10/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/norse-atlantic-starts-low-fare-gatwick-cape-town-route>

### **General Headlines**

#### **87% of passengers are satisfied with UK airport screening experience, Department for Transport finds**

Passenger Terminal Today – 29/10/2024

<https://www.passengerterminaltoday.com/news/security/87-of-passengers-are-satisfied-with-uk-airport-screening-experience-department-for-transport-finds.html>





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## Industry news

### Industry leaders urge phased launch of new EU border process

Travel Weekly – 28/10/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/industry-leaders-urge-phased-launch-of-new-eu-border-process>

## Environmental news

### Consumers need accurate environmental information about flights to make informed choices

AEF – 28/10/2024

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2024/10/28/consumer-informed-choices-about-flights/>

### Latest airline CO2 emission data reveals changes since pre-Covid

Travel Weekly – 28/10/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/latest-airline-co2-emissions-data-reveals-changes-since-pre-covid>

### WTTC chief criticises lack of action on SAF

Travel Weekly – 28/10/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/wttc-chief-criticises-lack-of-action-on-saf>

## OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

### Aberdeen

#### Aberdeen International Airport's ABZ Propeller Fund seeking final community project applicants

Grampian Online – 25/10/2024

<https://www.grampianonline.co.uk/news/final-call-made-for-2024-applicants-to-benefit-from-communit-364719/>

### Belfast City

#### KLM Double Daily Amsterdam Service Takes Off From Belfast City Airport

Business Eye – 29/10/2024

<https://www.busesseye.co.uk/news/klm-double-daily-amsterdam-service-takes-off-from-belfast-city-airport/>



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### Birmingham

#### **Birmingham airport given all clear by police after suspicious vehicle check**

Travel Weekly – 24/10/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/birmingham-airport-given-all-clear-by-police-after-suspicious-vehicle-check>

#### **Popular Birmingham Airport restaurant closes as plans revealed for new 'Peaky Blinders bar'**

Birmingham Mail – 29/10/2024

<https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/whats-on/food-drink-news/popular-birmingham-airport-restaurant-closes-30253635>

#### **Brussels Airlines lands back at Birmingham Airport**

Express & Star – 29/10/2024

<https://www.expressandstar.com/news/business/2024/10/29/brussels-airlines-lands-back-at-birmingham-airport/>

### Bristol

#### **Bristol Airport launches £400m upgrade**

The Business Desk – 27/10/2024

<https://www.thebusinessdesk.com/south-west/news/17019-bristol-airport-launches-400m-upgrade>

#### **Questions over transport links as Bristol Airport plans to spend £400m on upgrades**

Bristol Post – 26/10/2024

<https://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/news-opinion/questions-over-transport-links-bristol-9662577>

#### **Bristol Airport hit with 'technical problems' as half-term getaway begins**

Wales Online – 25/10/2024

<https://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/bristol-airport-technical-issues-warning-30227029>



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### **East Midlands**

#### **Villagers invited to East Midlands Airport control tower 25 years after their first visit**

West Bridgford Wire – 26/10/2024

<https://westbridgfordwire.com/villagers-invited-to-east-midlands-airport-control-tower-25-years-after-their-first-visit/>

#### **9 reasons why I only ever want to fly from East Midlands Airport**

Nottingham World – 27/10/2024

<https://www.nottinghamworld.com/travel/fly-east-midlands-airport-reasons-4841737>

### **Edinburgh**

#### **Welcoming Austrian Airlines to Edinburgh Airport**

Edinburgh Airport – 30/10/2024

[https://www.airport-suppliers.com/airport\\_press\\_release/welcoming-austrian-airlines-to-edinburgh-airport/](https://www.airport-suppliers.com/airport_press_release/welcoming-austrian-airlines-to-edinburgh-airport/)

#### **Anger at Edinburgh Airport taxis "blatant profiteering" disputed by sole operator**

Edinburgh News – 28/10/2024

<https://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/people/edinburgh-womans-anger-at-edinburgh-airport-taxis-blatant-profiteering-4842190>

### **Glasgow**

#### **Glasgow Airport Celebrates Return of Direct Flights to Cork**

Scottish Business News – 29/10/2024

<https://scottishbusinessnews.net/glasgow-airport-celebrates-return-of-direct-flights-to-cork/>

### **Glasgow Prestwick**

#### **Prestwick hosts major exercise to test response to 'aircraft incident'**

The Herald – 30/10/2024

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/24687508.airport-hosts-major-exercise-test-response-aircraft-incident/>



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### **Leeds Bradford**

#### **Leeds Bradford Airport celebrates first Easyjet flight to Paris**

Your Harrogate – 30/10/2024

<https://www.yourharrogate.co.uk/local-news/harrogate/leeds-bradford-airport-celebrates-first-easyjet-flight-to-paris/>

### **London City**

#### **London City Airport turns to leisure market as homeworking hits business travel**

Financial Times – 08/10/2024

<https://www.ft.com/content/6b04bd61-cda1-46b7-85c6-1ab9e404b217>

### **London Heathrow**

#### **London Heathrow Airport relaunches 'Fly Quieter and Greener' scheme, ranking airlines on noise and emissions performance**

International Airport Review – 28/10/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/231202/london-heathrow-airport-relaunches-fly-quieter-and-greener-scheme-ranking-airlines-on-noise-and-emissions-performance/>

#### **Heathrow says resumed dividends 'probable' as it raises forecasts**

Financial Times – 23/10/2024

<https://www.ft.com/content/a3c20601-f376-47d8-bba8-037b29189548>

#### **Heathrow Airport passengers disgusted as 'sewage' water drips onto arrivals area**

Mirror – 29/10/2024

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/travel/uk-ireland/heathrow-airport-passengers-disgusted-sewage-33983561>

#### **Heathrow airport helps Slough school with new garden**

Slough Observer – 25/10/2024

<https://www.sloughobserver.co.uk/news/24677727.slough-mayor-opens-new-enchanted-garden-pippins-school/>



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**Heathrow Airport makes adorable announcement affecting all passengers**

Metro – 28/10/2024

<https://metro.co.uk/2024/10/28/heathrow-airport-makes-adorable-announcement-affecting-passengers-21877226/>

**Drivers warned to embrace taxi cost hikes with Heathrow Airport charges to spike next year**

GB News – 25/10/2024

<https://www.gbnews.com/lifestyle/cars/drivers-warned-taxi-cost-hikes-heathrow-airport-prices>

**Heathrow Express celebrates first anniversary of partnership with China Airlines**

Rail Business Daily – 30/10/2024

<https://news.railbusinessdaily.com/heathrow-express-celebrates-first-anniversary-of-partnership-with-china-airlines/>

**Heathrow network bolstered by nine new winter routes**

Travel Weekly – 25/10/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/heathrow-network-bolstered-by-nine-new-winter-destinations>

### **London Luton**

**Luton airport achieves ESG top spot three years running**

Airline Routes and Ground Services – 25/10/2024

<https://airlinergs.com/luton-airport-achieves-esg-top-spot-three-years-running/>

**LLA achieves global first in employee well-being**

Luton Today – 29/10/2024

<https://www.lutontoday.co.uk/business/lla-achieves-global-first-in-employee-well-being-4845118>

### **London Southend**

**Boosting Travel Opportunities Southend Airport Launches Its First Flight to Bulgaria**

Travel and Tour World – 25/10/2024

<https://www.travelandtourworld.com/news/article/boosting-travel-opportunities-southend-airport-launches-its-first-flight-to-bulgaria-unlocking-new-horizons-for-adventurous-holidaymakers/>





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### London Stansted

**Stansted Airport staff turn runway into running track for Medicare, Magic Breakfast and The Children's Society**

Bishop's Stortford Independent – 28/10/2024

<https://www.bishopstortfordindependent.co.uk/news/stansted-airport-staff-turn-runway-into-running-track-for-ch-9389448/>

### Manchester

**Manchester airport set for Arctic Circle air links**

Travel Weekly – 29/10/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/manchester-airport-set-for-arctic-circle-air-links>

### Newcastle

**Newcastle Airport continues to soar with latest accolade**

Bdaily – 29/10/2024

<https://bdaily.co.uk/articles/2024/10/29/newcastle-airport-continues-to-soar-with-latest-accolade>

**Newcastle Airport preparing for £17m 'overnight' replacement of runway**

Shields Gazette – 25/10/2024

<https://www.shieldsgazette.com/news/newcastle-airport-preparing-for-ps17m-overnight-replacement-of-runway-4838871>

### Southampton

**Amsterdam flights with easyJet take off at Southampton Airport**

Travel Daily News – 30/10/2024

<https://www.traveldailynews.com/aviation/amsterdam-flights-with-easyjet-take-off-at-southampton-airport/>

### Teesside

**Airport boss flying high with global nomination**

Bdaily – 24/10/2024

<https://bdaily.co.uk/articles/2024/10/24/managing-director-flying-high-with-global-award-nomination>