

## GATCOM WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

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### CURRENT NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

**New CAA Consultation:** CAA Statutory Charges Consultation 2025 - 2026

Closing date: 18/11/2024

<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/finance/caa-statutory-charges-consultation-25-26/>

**New CAA Consultation:** Proposed amendments to the UK Performance-Based Navigation Regulation

Closing date: 16/01/2024

<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/innovation/proposed-amendments-to-the-uk-performance-based-na/>

**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

**NATS August 2023 system failure review: An independent review of NATS (En Route) Plc's flight planning sub-system failure on 28 August 2023**

CAA – 14/11/2024

<https://www.caa.co.uk/commercial-industry/airspace/air-traffic-management-and-air-navigational-services/air-navigation-services/nats-august-2023-failure-review/>



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**CAP3041: Guidance for Airport Engagement and Complaints Handling Around Environmental Sustainability: Guidance for airports on community engagement on the environment**

CAA – 11/11/2024

<https://www.caa.co.uk/our-work/publications/documents/content/cap3041/>

**Exploring the concept of fair and equitable distribution to minimise social unacceptability of airspace design options – final report from Gatwick Airport**

[https://www.gatwickairport.com/on/demandware.static/-/Sites-Gatwick-](https://www.gatwickairport.com/on/demandware.static/-/Sites-Gatwick-Library/en_GB/v1731490345078/images/Corporate-)

[Library/en\\_GB/v1731490345078/images/Corporate-](https://www.gatwickairport.com/on/demandware.static/-/Sites-Gatwick-Library/en_GB/v1731490345078/images/Corporate-)

[PDFs/Noise%20&%20Airspace/Engagement/NMB%203/FED-FINAL-REPORT-7.pdf](https://www.gatwickairport.com/on/demandware.static/-/Sites-Gatwick-Library/en_GB/v1731490345078/images/Corporate-PDFs/Noise%20&%20Airspace/Engagement/NMB%203/FED-FINAL-REPORT-7.pdf)

**Aviation Noise Attitudes Survey FAQs: The Aviation Noise Attitudes Survey will provide new evidence on attitudes to aviation noise around airports**

<https://www.caa.co.uk/passengers-and-public/environment/noise/aviation-noise-attitudes-survey/>

**The Airport Industry Intelligence eReport 2024: Download this free eReport highlighting the greatest challenges to the airport sector**

**International Airport Review – 21/11/2024**

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/article/231766/the-airport-industry-intelligence-ereport-2024/>

**Airline Capacity Grew 6.4% In 2024, But Could It Have Been Better?**

OAG Blog – 19/11/2024

<https://www.oag.com/blog/airline-capacity-grew-6.4-in-2024-but-could-it-have-been-better-oag>

**[Eyes in the sky: enhancing air traffic safety with eye tracking technology](#)**

NATS blog – 19/11/2024

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

**London Gatwick ‘Polar Bears’ prepare for winter weather**

13/11/2024

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-polar-bears-prepare-for-winter-weather-adeea-40f32.html>



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**London Gatwick sets out rail connectivity aspirations at annual transport forum**  
14/11/2024

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-announces-rail-connectivity-enhancements-at-annual-transport-forum-4e5f5-40f32.html>

**Airport Economic Zone to drive growth in the Gatwick region**  
20/11/2024

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/airport-economic-zone-to-drive-growth-in-the-gatwick-region-b4f8d-40f32.html>

**London Gatwick Accessibility Manager named one of the UK's most influential disabled people**  
22/11/2024

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-accessibility-manager-named-one-of-the-uks-most-influential-disabled-people-10c8d-40f32.html>

### **LONDON GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA**

**London Gatwick airport's £2.2 billion Northern Runway plans: This is when economy will see the benefits IF plans get given green light**

Sussex Express – 20/11/2024

<https://www.sussexexpress.co.uk/news/transport/london-gatwick-airports-ps22-billion-northern-runway-plans-this-is-when-economy-will-see-the-benefits-if-plans-get-given-green-light-4875562>

**Gatwick and GWR launch partnership “to enhance the North Downs Line”**

Business Traveller – 18/11/2024

<https://www.businesstraveller.com/business-travel/2024/11/18/gatwick-and-gwr-launch-partnership-to-enhance-the-north-downs-line/>

**Air New Zealand exploring return of long-haul flights to London after Gatwick deal**

Independent – 19/11/2024

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/air-new-zealand-london-flights-gatwick-b2649633.html>



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### **EasyJet unveils summer service from Gatwick to Rimini**

Travel Weekly – 14/11/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/easyjet-unveils-summer-service-from-gatwick-to-rimini>

### **General Headlines**

#### **CAA publication of independent report into NATS technical failure**

The report finds that all relevant parts of the aviation sector need to work together better when responding to major events such as the NATS technical failure

DfT – 14/11/2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/caa-publication-of-independent-report-into-nats-technical-failure>

#### **Engineer working from home with password issue contributed to massive air traffic control failure**

ITV – 15/11/2024

<https://www.itv.com/news/2024-11-15/remote-engineer-with-password-issue-contributed-to-air-traffic-control-failure>

#### **Inquiry into air traffic control failure calls for earlier notice of disruption**

The Standard – 14/11/2024

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/nats-louise-haigh-civil-aviation-authority-government-b1193967.html>

#### **Cost of air travel ‘to hit record high in 2025 with surge in flight cancellations’**

Belfast Telegraph – 16/11/2024

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/business/cost-of-air-travel-to-hit-record-high-in-2025-with-surge-in-flight-cancellations/a1313580824.html>

#### **Jet2 warns of £25m hike in staff costs due to Budget**

Travel Weekly – 21/11/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/jet2-warns-of-25m-hike-in-staff-costs-due-to-budget>

#### **October airfares hike ‘highest since 2001’**

Travel Weekly – 20/11/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/october-airfares-hike-highest-since-2001>



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**Regional leaders agree £3m to support Doncaster Sheffield airport reopening**  
Travel Weekly – 14/11/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/regional-leaders-agree-3m-to-support-doncaster-sheffield-airport-reopening>

**Knock-on impact to flights expected after latest BA systems failure**  
Travel Weekly – 19/11/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/knock-on-impact-to-flights-expected-after-latest-ba-systems-failure>

**Final report on NATS calls for improvements to contingency process**  
Computer Weekly – 18/11/2024

<https://www.computerweekly.com/news/366615985/Final-report-on-Nats-calls-for-improvements-to-contingency-process>

**PM confirms nearly £49m to Welsh aerospace industry ahead of first visit since budget**  
ITV – 15/11/2024

<https://www.itv.com/news/wales/2024-11-15/pm-pledges-nearly-49m-to-welsh-aerospace-industry-in-bid-to-grow-economy>

**The 10 best airport shuttle and transit systems**  
Flight Radar – 18/11/2024

<https://www.flightradar24.com/blog/best-airport-shuttle-systems/>

**Gen Z travellers have come of age, and airports are here for it**  
International Airport Review – 20/11/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/article/231727/gen-z-travellers-have-come-of-age-and-airports-are-here-for-it/>

**Specialist aviation course to be offered for first time outside London**  
Travel Weekly – 20/11/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/specialist-aviation-course-to-offered-for-first-time-outside-london>



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### Passenger news

**New Apple update to help end airport nightmare and make life easier for passengers**

Independent – 14/11/2024

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/apple-airtags-lost-luggage-airport-b2646963.html>

### Industry news

**UK Civil Aviation Authority launches consultation on proposed charges to support safety, innovation and growth: The UK Civil Aviation Authority has opened an eight-week consultation on proposed charges aimed at enhancing safety, supporting innovation, and fostering sustainability in aerospace, with feedback closing on 15 January 2025 [see consultations section]**

International Airport Review – 20/11/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/231992/uk-civil-aviation-authority-launches-consultation-on-proposed-charges-to-support-safety-innovation-and-growth/>

**Regulator calls for air traffic control reform after Gatwick and Heathrow meltdown**

City AM – 14/11/2024

<https://www.cityam.com/regulator-calls-for-air-traffic-control-reform-after-gatwick-and-heathrow-meltdown/>

### Environmental news

**Comment: Convincing business travellers to prioritise sustainability can be an uphill battle**

Travel Weekly – 20/11/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/in-depth/comment/comment-convincing-business-travellers-to-prioritise-sustainability-can-be-an-uphill-battle>



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## OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

### Belfast City

**Belfast Telegraph Business Awards 2024: Belfast City Airport proud to support NI's direct and indirect economies**

Belfast Telegraph – 19/11/2024

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/events/belfast-telegraph-business-awards-2024-belfast-city-airport-proud-to-support-nis-direct-and-indirect-economies/a581457411.html>

**Belfast City Airport Starts Festive Season with Christmas Tree Lights Event**

ITTN – 19/11/2024

<https://ittn.ie/travel-news/belfast-city-airport-starts-festive-season-with-christmas-tree-lights-event/>

### Belfast International

**easyJet announces new flight route to Spain from Belfast International Airport**

Belfast Live – 19/11/2024

<https://www.belfastlive.co.uk/news/belfast-news/easyjet-announces-new-flight-route-30403407>

### Birmingham

**Birmingham airport gains five new easyJet winter routes**

Travel Weekly – 15/11/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/birmingham-airport-gains-five-new-easyjet-winter-routes>

### Bristol

**Campaign group labels latest Bristol Airport expansion plans as 'the height of stupidity'**

Midsomer Norton Journal – 20/11/2024

<https://www.mnrjournal.co.uk/news/planning/campaign-group-labels-latest-bristol-airport-expansion-plans-as-the-height-of-stupidity-741100>



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### **East Midlands**

#### **Behind the Scenes: East Midlands Airport**

Notts TV – 15/11/2024

<https://nottstv.com/programme/behind-the-scenes-east-midlands-airport/>

### **Edinburgh**

#### **Edinburgh Airport gets new easyJet flights to popular holiday destinations**

Edinburgh Live – 19/11/2024

<https://www.edinburghlive.co.uk/news/edinburgh-news/edinburgh-airport-gets-new-easyjet-30404101>

### **Exeter**

#### **Exeter airport summer passenger numbers rise 5%**

Travel Weekly – 14/11/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/exeter-airport-summer-passenger-numbers-rise-5>

### **Glasgow**

#### **Glasgow Airport: Major airline announces two new flights routes from Glasgow Airport for summer 2025**

Glasgow World – 19/11/2024

<https://www.glasgowworld.com/news/major-airline-announces-two-new-flights-routes-from-glasgow-airport-for-summer-2025-4873597>

### **Glasgow Prestwick**

#### **New Air Cargo Partnership Links Scotland and US Midwest**

Aviation Source – 20/11/2024

<https://avsn.co.uk/new-air-cargo-partnership-links-scotland-and-us-midwest/>





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### Leeds Bradford

**Jet2.com and Jet2holidays expand Summer 25 programme from Leeds Bradford Airport with additional flying and aircraft**

Jet2 – 19/11/2024

[https://www.jet2.com/news/2024/11/Jet2\\_com\\_and\\_Jet2holidays\\_expand\\_Summer\\_25\\_programme\\_from\\_Leeds\\_Bradford\\_Airport\\_with\\_additional\\_flying\\_and\\_aircraft](https://www.jet2.com/news/2024/11/Jet2_com_and_Jet2holidays_expand_Summer_25_programme_from_Leeds_Bradford_Airport_with_additional_flying_and_aircraft)

### Liverpool

**UK Civil Aviation Authority approves Manchester Low-Level Route airspace change**

CAA – 20/11/2024

<https://www.caa.co.uk/newsroom/news/uk-civil-aviation-authority-approves-manchester-low-level-route-airspace-change/>

**EasyJet announces new holiday route from Liverpool John Lennon Airport for summer 2025**

Echo – 19/11/2024

<https://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/liverpool-news/easyjet-announces-new-holiday-route-30403949>

### London City

**Why Do No Low-Cost Airlines Fly To London City Airport?**

Simple Flying – 18/11/2024

<https://simpleflying.com/london-city-airport-no-low-cost-airlines-why/>

**Over 500 East London students participate in London City Airport's STEM in Aviation Day**

Travel Daily Media – 20/11/2024

<https://www.traveldailymedia.com/over-500-east-london-students-participate-in-london-city-airports-stem-in-aviation-day/>

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### London Heathrow

#### **Exclusive: Labour approves Ardian and Saudi swoop for majority stake in Heathrow Airport**

City AM – 19/11/2024

<https://www.cityam.com/labour-approves-ardian-and-saudi-swoop-for-majority-stake-in-heathrow-airport/>

#### **Heathrow airport 'noise sewers': Could your home in London be under one of the narrower flight paths? The west London airport may also revive its plans for a third runway**

The Standard – 14/11/2024

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/politics/heathrow-airport-new-flight-path-noise-sewer-london-planes-b1193982.html>

#### **Government should consider block on Heathrow night flights, says MP**

The Standard – 15/11/2024

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/politics/sarah-olney-government-heathrow-commons-liberal-democrat-b1194140.html>

#### **British Airways plane missed illegally flown drones by just 50ft as it approached Heathrow**

The Standard – 19/11/2024

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/british-airways-flight-missed-drones-heathrow-b1194725.html>

#### **Inside Heathrow Airport: A week in the life of a London cabbie working the capital's biggest taxi rank**

Taxi Point – 16/11/2024

<https://www.taxi-point.co.uk/post/inside-heathrow-airport-a-week-in-the-life-of-a-london-cabbie-working-the-capitals-biggest-taxi-ran>

#### **Heathrow's 5 busiest flight routes revealed - only one outside Europe**

Express – 20/11/2024

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/1978631/Heathrow-5-busiest-flight-routes>



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**Delta Air Lines & JetBlue Fail To Obtain More Slots At London Heathrow Airport**  
Simple Flying – 15/11/2024

<https://simpleflying.com/delta-air-lines-jetblue-fail-obtain-more-slots-london-heathrow/>

**Eating Heathrow: discover the airport’s unexpected culinary delights**

Independent – 19/11/2024

<https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/heathrow-food-drink-travel-b2646209.html>

### **London Luton**

**London Luton Airport to become Jet2 base**

Regional Gateway – 15/11/2024

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/london-luton-airport-to-become-jet2-base/>

**I spent the day with Luton Airport’s police dogs and loved every second of it**

Luton Today – 20/11/2024

<https://www.lutontoday.co.uk/news/people/i-spent-the-day-with-luton-airports-police-dogs-and-loved-every-second-of-it-4875093>

### **London Southend**

**Southend Airport holidays and cash up for grabs in 'hunt'**

Echo – 19/11/2024

<https://www.echo-news.co.uk/news/24735467.southend-airport-holidays-cash-grabs-hunt/>

### **London Stansted**

**What’s On The Horizon For: London Stansted Airport**

Aviation Week – 18/11/2024

<https://aviationweek.com/air-transport/airports-networks/whats-horizon-london-stansted-airport>

**Stansted Airport boss confirms ‘new year’ start for work to introduce contactless payments on Stansted Express trains**

Bishop’s Stortford Independent – 18/11/2024

<https://www.bishopstortfordindependent.co.uk/news/stansted-airport-boss-confirms-new-year-start-for-work-to-9392367/>



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### **Manchester**

**Jobs, transport and safer cycle routes the key to airport regeneration for the public**

Manchester Evening News – 19/11/2024

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/jobs-transport-safer-cycle-routes-30376490>

**UK Civil Aviation Authority approves Manchester Low-Level Route airspace change**

CAA – 20/11/2024

<https://www.caa.co.uk/newsroom/news/uk-civil-aviation-authority-approves-manchester-low-level-route-airspace-change/>

### **Southampton**

**Southampton Airport owners want to realise its 'full potential'**

Daily Echo – 19/11/2024

<https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/24732831.southampton-airport-owners-want-realise-full-potential/>

### **Teesside**

**Teesside Airport celebrates back-to-back wins**

Bdaily – 20/11/2024

<https://bdaily.co.uk/articles/2024/11/20/teesside-airport-celebrates-back-to-back-wins>

**Ryanair to run Teesside-Malaga flights next summer**

Travel Weekly – 14/11/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/ryanair-to-launch-teesside-malaga-services-next-summer>