

FACT SHEET



What is an ACC?

An Airport Consultative Committee (ACC) is a structured forum that provides an opportunity for the exchange of information between airports and a wide range of interested parties. There is a statutory requirement for airports to provide a forum for consultation as set out by section 35 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982.

What is an ACC's role?

All UK airports need "to provide adequate facilities for consultation with respect to any matter concerning the management or administration of the airport which affects the interests of users of the airport, local authorities and any other organisation representing the interests of persons concerned with the locality in which the airport is situated."

What are the aims of an ACC?

- Foster communication and build understanding between the airport and its users, local authorities, local residents, the business community and interest groups.
- Consider and comment upon the impacts of the airport's administration, operation and development in relation to: the environment, the passenger experience, surface access issues associated with the airport, the local, regional and national economy and the circumstances of local communities and their residents.
- Influence decisions through scrutiny, performance monitoring, mediation, and constructive advice.
- Consider and if appropriate, respond to any factual or consultative reports from Government or other sources, which are material to the operation or development of the airport.
- To be open and transparent, approachable, and accessible to all stakeholders and the public.

What is GATCOM?

GATCOM is the Gatwick Airport Consultative Committee.

GATCOM is an independently chaired body and is responsible for ensuring constructive and effective engagement between Gatwick Airport and those impacted by it.

GATCOM has an independent chairperson and secretariat and 28 committee members representing a wide range of interests including local communities, aviation, passenger services, business development, tourism and environmental issues.

GATCOM meets 4 times a year. GATCOM also has a Steering Group and a Passenger Advisory Group and is actively involved in a number of Gatwick led groups such as the Noise Management Board (NMB) and the Noise and Track Monitoring Advisory Group (NaTMAG).



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who funds GATCOM?

The majority of Airport Consultative Committees are funded by their respective airports. Gatwick Airport fully funds GATCOM operations including funding West Sussex County Council to provide the independent secretariat function for GATCOM.

Are all ACC's the same?

All ACCs are encouraged to follow the [Department of Transport's guidelines for ACCs](#). However, each ACC is unique and varies depending on the size and complexity of the airport.

Does GATCOM have any powers?

ACCs, including GATCOM, do not have executive powers. They are a “critical friend” and undertake an advisory role. ACCs should use powers of persuasion to encourage the airport to act on its advice and recommendations by pointing out things that are working well, as well as being objectively critical of areas and issues of concern to a wide range of interests, where the airport could make improvements.

How do I get involved?

To find out more about GATCOM, including our membership, visit our website www.gatcom.org.uk. GATCOM's main meetings are open to the public to attend and observe. If you have a question for the committee or a topic you'd like to see on the agenda, reach out to your local GATCOM representative or contact the secretariat by email secretary@gatcom.org.uk

What is the UK Airport Consultative Committees (UKACCs)?

UKACCs is a liaison group of Airport Consultative Committees (ACC) from across the UK. Although UKACCs meets annually, member ACCs continue to discuss and share issues of common interest throughout the year via the UKACCs Secretariat. UKACCs engage with the Department for Transport (DfT) and Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) to aid with policy and strategy development providing the ACC community with a concerted and coordinated voice at a variety of important and influential national fora and with stakeholder bodies. More information can be found on UKACCs website www.ukaccs.org

