



# GATCOM WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

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**27 MARCH 2025**

## CURRENT NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

### **DfT Consultation: A railway fit for Britain's future**

Closing date 15/04/2025

[https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/a-railway-fit-for-britains-future?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm\\_source=6e5267bb-daba-414a-8c53-c9102183c49c&utm\\_content=immediately](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/a-railway-fit-for-britains-future?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=6e5267bb-daba-414a-8c53-c9102183c49c&utm_content=immediately)

### **DfT Consultation: SAF revenue certainty mechanism: approach to industry funding**

Closing date: 31/03/2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/saf-revenue-certainty-mechanism-approach-to-industry-funding>

## PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

### **NESO to investigate Heathrow power loss: The Energy Secretary has commissioned the independent National Energy System Operator to investigate the power outage that affected Heathrow Airport**

Department for Energy, Security, and Net Zero, and DfT – 22/03/2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/neso-to-investigate-heathrow-power-loss>

### **Five years on: chart shows covid-19 lockdowns' global air travel impact**

OAG blog – 24/03/2025

<https://www.oag.com/blog/five-years-later-covid-19-lockdowns-global-air-travel-impact>

### **AEF'S 2024 Annual Report**

AEF – 24/03/2025

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2025/03/24/aef-2024-annual-report/>

### **The History of Time-Based Separation (TBS): Celebrating 10 Years Since TBS Landed at Heathrow**

NATS blog – 25/03/2025

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### GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA

**Gatwick draws up new plans to tackle road congestion and allow second runway**

Yahoo – 20/03/2025

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/gatwick-draws-plans-tackle-road-133343079.html>

**London Gatwick: Campaign group says airport ‘must pay to provide the public transport required’ if runway plans go ahead**

Sussex Express – 26/03/2025

<https://www.sussexexpress.co.uk/news/transport/london-gatwick-campaign-group-says-airport-must-pay-to-provide-the-public-transport-required-if-runway-plans-go-ahead-5051394>

**Gatwick contests government request to increase passenger arrivals by rail to support new runway**

New Civil Engineer – 25/03/2025

<https://www.newcivilengineer.com/latest/gatwick-contests-government-request-to-increase-passenger-arrivals-by-rail-to-support-new-runway-25-03-2025/>

**NATS introduces world-first aircraft separation system at Gatwick, cutting carbon emissions and boosting on time performance**

NATS – 26/03/2025

<https://www.nats.aero/news/nats-introduces-world-first-aircraft-separation-system-at-gatwick-cutting-carbon-emissions-and-boosting-on-time-performance/>

**Uber breaking no rules at Gatwick, council finds**

BBC – 22/03/2025

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cx2xregpl7go>

**Singapore Airlines goes daily from Gatwick**

Travel Weekly – 26/03/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/singapore-airlines-goes-daily-from-gatwick>

### General Headlines

**UK and EU diverge on digital border controls as ETA fee hike imminent**

Travel Weekly – 21/03/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/uk-and-eu-diverge-on-digital-border-controls-as-eta-fee-hike-imminent>

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### Heathrow closure: ‘Improve UK diversion airports so passengers don’t end up on random Atlantic islands’

Independent – 26/03/2025

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/heathrow-diversion-flights-uk-shannon-b2721457.html>

### From Gatwick drones to the Heathrow fire – a look at the worst air travel disruption

Independent – 25/03/2025

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/heathrow-fire-latest-cancellations-investigation-b2721014.html>

### Is Concorde back? Supersonic flight prepares for a second take-off

The Standard – 22/03/2025

<https://www.standard.co.uk/lifestyle/new-concorde-boom-supersonic-second-takeoff-b1217638.html>

## Passenger news

### Guidance to consumers impacted by Heathrow Airport incident– 21 March 2025

CAA – 21/03/2025

<https://www.caa.co.uk/newsroom/news/guidance-to-consumers-impacted-by-heathrow-airport-incident-21-march-2025/>

## Industry news

### UK Civil Aviation Authority appointed to oversee safety standards for drones

CAA – 24/03/2025

<https://www.caa.co.uk/newsroom/news/uk-civil-aviation-authority-appointed-to-oversee-safety-standards-for-drones/>

## Environmental news

### Airbus showcases hydrogen-powered aircraft vision

Travel Weekly – 26/03/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/airbus-showcases-hydrogen-powered-aircraft-vision>

## Balancing aviation with wildlife at Denver International Airport

International Airport Review – 21/03/2025

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/article/256377/balancing-aviation-with-wildlife-at-denver-international-airport/>

## OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

### Belfast City

#### TUI announces return of flights to Majorca from Belfast

Belfast Live – 24/03/2025

<https://www.belfastlive.co.uk/whats-on/be/tui-announces-return-flights-majorca-31267895>

### Birmingham

#### Budget airline adds planes to Birmingham Airport base for summer expansion

Birmingham Mail – 25/03/2025

<https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/budget-airline-adds-planes-birmingham-31268959>

### Bristol

#### Council renews its opposition to airport expansion plans

MNR Journal – 24/03/2025

<https://www.mnrjournal.co.uk/news/politics/council-renews-its-opposition-to-airport-expansion-plans-777170>

### East Midlands

#### East Midlands Airport announces big change to passenger drop-offs from May

Nottingham World – 26/03/2025

<https://www.nottinghamworld.com/travel/east-midlands-airport-big-changes-5051842>

#### Marking the day EMA's 60-year history took off

Derbyshire Times – 26/03/2025

<https://www.derbyshiretimes.co.uk/travel/marking-the-day-emas-60-year-history-took-off-5052249>

## Exeter

### Guide dog puppies practice to support future travellers at Exeter Airport

Regional Gateway – 21/03/2025

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/guide-dog-puppies-practice-to-support-future-travellers-at-exeter-airport/>

## Farnborough

### Farnborough Airport signs 12.5 Million litre SAF deal

Travel Daily Media – 26/03/2025

<https://www.traveldailymedia.com/farnborough-airport-signs-12-5-million-litre-saf-deal/>

## Glasgow

### Glasgow Airport Flightpath Fund to provide £130k in community support in 2025

Glasgow Chamber of Commerce – 24/03/2025

<https://www.glasgowchamberofcommerce.com/news/news/2025/march/24/glasgow-airport-flightpath-fund-to-provide-130k-in-community-support-in-2025/>

## London Heathrow

### Over £5.4m worth of goods disrupted by Heathrow shutdown

Air Cargo News – 26/03/2025

<https://www.aircargonews.net/cargo-airports/over-54m-worth-of-goods-disrupted-by-heathrow-shutdown/1079860.article>

### Heathrow Airport Closure: The Supply Chain Impact

Supply Chain Digital – 21/03/2025

<https://supplychindigital.com/logistics/heathrow-airport-closure-supply-chain-impact>

### Astonishing map shows the huge global impact of the Heathrow airport inferno

Mail Online – 21/03/2025

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-14523555/map-huge-global-impact-Heathrow-airport-inferno.html>

### **What we know about the closure and reopening of Heathrow Airport**

The Standard – 24/03/2025

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/heathrow-airport-london-fire-brigade-ruth-kelly-europe-hayes-b1218304.html>

### **Airlines threaten to sue Heathrow if not compensated for airport fire shutdown**

Independent – 26/03/2025

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/heathrow-airport-airline-cost-settlement-closure-b2721726.html>

### **'We warned of power issues before Heathrow outage'**

BBC – 24/03/2025

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/clynmyg7zk9o>

### **Heathrow chiefs and ministers were warned 10 years ago that power supply was 'key weakness' that could cripple Europe's busiest airport**

Daily Mail – 22/03/2025

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-14527067/Heathrow-warned-power-supply-key-weakness-cripple-airport.html>

### **National Grid says Heathrow had enough power capacity despite substation fire**

Engineering & Technology – 24/03/2025

<https://eandt.theiet.org/2025/03/24/national-grid-says-heathrow-had-enough-power-capacity-despite-substation-fire>

### **Ministers 'monitoring' how passengers looked after following Heathrow shutdown**

The Standard – 25/03/2025

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/politics/heidi-alexander-heathrow-keir-starmer-government-liberal-democrat-b1218542.html>

### **Broken control at Heathrow: Airport's ownership structure has a great deal to answer for**

This is Money – 24/03/2025

<https://www.thisismoney.co.uk/money/comment/article-14532413/Broken-control-Heathrow-Airports-ownership-structure-great-deal-answer-says-ALEX-BRUMMER.html>

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### **‘The truth is being withheld’: Heathrow closure claim points to Reform UK playbook**

Politics – 25/03/2025

<https://www.politics.co.uk/politicslunch/2025/03/25/the-truth-is-being-withheld-heathrow-closure-claim-points-to-reform-uk-playbook/>

### **Heathrow shutdown is embarrassing at best - but at worst it points to serious vulnerabilities in UK infrastructure**

Sky News – 21/03/2025

<https://news.sky.com/story/heathrow-shutdown-is-embarrassing-at-best-but-at-worst-it-points-to-serious-vulnerabilities-in-uk-infrastructure-13333252>

## **London Luton**

### **Luton airport ‘setting positive example’ for accessibility services, says UK CAA boss**

Airline Routes and Ground Services – 26/03/2025

<https://airlinergs.com/luton-airport-setting-positive-example-for-accessibility-services-says-uk-caa-boss/>

## **London Stansted**

### **‘No extra parking’ Essex County Council warns Stansted Airport**

Bishop’s Stortford Independent – 26/03/2025

<https://www.bishopstortfordindependent.co.uk/news/no-extra-parking-essex-county-council-warns-stansted-airpo-9410123/>

## **Manchester**

### **Manchester Airport goes barrierless at drop-off and pick-up today**

The Bolton News – 26/03/2025

<https://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news/25021802.manchester-airport-goes-barrierless-drop-off-pick-up-today/>

### **Agents call for action over Manchester Airport Relief Road flooding**

Travel Weekly – 25/03/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/agents-call-for-action-over-manchester-airport-relief-road-flooding>



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## Newcastle

### Airport seeks to expand departure lounge

BBC – 25/03/2025

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c3d8jnkgggjo>

## Teesside

### Teesside Airport forecast to make further £4.2m loss

The Northern Echo – 25/03/2025

<https://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/25037015.teesside-airport-forecast-make-4-2m-loss/>