



GATCOM WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

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.

3 APRIL 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

PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

London Luton Airport Expansion development consent decision announced

03/04/2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/london-luton-airport-expansion-development-consent-decision-announced>

Policy paper: Review into the North Hyde Substation outage - Terms of Reference for the review into the incident at North Hyde Substation and the associated disruption at Heathrow Airport

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, Ofgem and National Energy System Operator –
28/03/2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/review-into-the-north-hyde-substation-outage-terms-of-reference>

Aviation Infographics Of The Month March 2025

OAG blog – 28/03/2025

<https://www.oag.com/blog/aviation-news-infographics-mar-2025>

eReport: Next generation baggage operations for a new era of air travel

International Airport Review – 01/04/2025

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/article/257403/ereport-next-generation-baggage-operations/>



GATCOM WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

Time Flies: A decade of smarter, greener air traffic management

NATS Altitude podcast – March 2025

<https://www.nats.aero/news/altitude/time-flies-a-decade-of-smarter-greener-air-traffic-management/>

Heathrow Airport expansion: blight arrangements - how to make a blight claim if you are potentially affected by the new north-west runway at Heathrow Airport

DfT update – 27/03/2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/heathrow-airport-expansion-blight-arrangements>

GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES

Formula 1 fans to benefit from first ever Gulf Air service between London Gatwick and Bahrain

01/04/2025

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/formula-1-fans-to-benefit-from-first-ever-gulf-air-service-between-london-gatwick-and-bahrain-860b1-40f32.html>

London Gatwick security process transformed with state-of-the-art technology

31/03/2025

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-security-process-transformed-with-state-of-the-art-technology-4b74b-40f32.html>

GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA

Gatwick's Security Head on airport security challenges and innovation

International Airport Review – 02/04/2025

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/article/257180/gatwicks-security-head-on-airport-security-challenges-and-innovation/>

London Gatwick Airport introduces new CT scanners, enhancing security and streamlining passenger experience

International Airport Review – 31/03/2025

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/258150/london-gatwick-airport-introduces-new-ct-scanners-enhancing-security-and-streamlining-passenger-experience/>

Gatwick announces change in airport liquid rules

BBC – 02/04/2025

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cdde00jemldo>

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 Government's Pro-Airport Expansion 'Jet Zero' Strategy Challenged in High Court

Byline Times – 01/04/2025

<https://bylinetimes.com/2025/04/01/uk-governments-pro-airport-expansion-jet-zero-strategy-challenged-in-high-court/>

'Air travel is a scapegoat for emissions': Airbus CEO says aviation 'at risk' from high taxes and flight bans

Independent – 26/03/2025

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/airbus-emissions-taxes-guillaume-faury-b2721851.html>

ABTA highlights 'scope for confusion' as ETA rule begins

Travel Weekly – 02/04/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/abta-highlights-scope-for-confusion-as-eta-rule-begins>

The UK airports most likely to lose your luggage and cancel flights...and the one that ranks a near-perfect score for customer experience

Daily Mail – 31/03/2025

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/travel/article-14554523/uk-airports-lose-luggage-cancel-flights-score-customer-experience.html>

Holidaymakers face worst air traffic control issues in 25 years with 30 million passengers facing delays this summer

Independent – 31/03/2025

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/flight-delays-europe-holiday-ryanair-air-traffic-control-b2724312.html>

Passenger news

Comment: Technology is key to driving accessibility improvements

Travel Weekly – 01/04/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/in-depth/comment/comment-technology-is-key-to-driving-accessibility-improvements>

British Airways has overhauled its ‘chaotic’ boarding system for economy passengers

Metro – 31/03/2025

<https://metro.co.uk/2025/03/31/british-airways-overhauled-chaotic-boarding-system-economy-passengers-22822264/?ito=newsnow-feed>

Industry news

CAA confirms dual review into Heathrow costs

Travel Weekly – 27/03/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/caa-confirms-dual-review-into-heathrow-costs>

Regulation of Heathrow will seek to protect passengers and pave the way for sustainable growth

CAA – 27/03/2025

<https://www.caa.co.uk/newsroom/news/regulation-of-heathrow-will-seek-to-protect-passengers-and-pave-the-way-for-sustainable-growth/>

February air traffic reaches record but Iata flags concern about US

Travel Weekly – 01/04/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/february-air-traffic-reaches-record-but-iata-flags-concern-about-us>

Environmental news

IATA airlines chief warns aviation industry falling behind on net zero

Yahoo – 02/04/2025

<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/iata-airlines-chief-warns-aviation-100130686.html>

OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Aberdeen

Aberdeen's newest air route takes off to Poland

Press & Journal – 02/04/2025

<https://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/fp/lifestyle/travel/6724771/aberdeens-newest-air-route-takes-off-to-poland/>

Belfast City

Belfast airport flies high as UK's most punctual: 'We are dedicated to offering our passengers a seamless and stress-free experience from the moment they arrive'

Newsletter – 31/03/2025

<https://www.newsletter.co.uk/business/belfast-airport-flies-high-as-uks-most-punctual-we-are-dedicated-to-offering-our-passengers-a-seamless-and-stress-free-experience-from-the-moment-they-arrive-5059432>

How Did Belfast City Airport Secure the Title of the UK's Most Punctual Airport for the Second Year in a Row?

Travel and Tour World – 31/03/2025

<https://www.travelandtourworld.com/news/article/how-did-belfast-city-airport-secure-the-title-of-the-uks-most-punctual-airport-for-the-second-year-in-a-row/>

Birmingham

BHX Blue Adds Colour to Community Art Palette

Birmingham Airport – 28/03/2025

<https://www.birminghamairport.co.uk/latest-news/bhx-adds-colour-to-community-art-palette/>

Bristol

'No more Bristol Airport expansion' call from council

Gloucestershire Live – 30/03/2025

<https://www.gloucestershirelive.co.uk/news/regional-news/no-more-bristol-airport-expansion-10058288>

Bristol Airport launches employment skills programme

Somerset County Gazette – 02/04/2025

<https://www.somersetcountygazette.co.uk/news/25058729.bristol-airport-launches-employment-skills-programme/>

East Midlands

60 years of East Midlands Airport: Looking back at how it all started

ITV – 02/04/2025

<https://www.itv.com/news/central/2025-04-02/60-years-of-east-midlands-airport-looking-back-at-how-it-all-started>

Edinburgh

Edinburgh Airport resumes only direct flights from Scotland to China for summer

Yahoo – 01/04/2025

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/edinburgh-airport-resumes-only-direct-114751463.html>

Exeter

Exeter Airport launches daily KLM flights to Amsterdam

The Moorlander – 01/04/2025

<https://www.themoorlander.co.uk/news/home/1767202/exeter-airport-launches-daily-klm-flights-to-amsterdam.html>

Farnborough

Farnborough Airport Continues Award Winning Streak for the 19th Consecutive Year

ADS Advance – 31/03/2025

<https://www.adsadvance.co.uk/farnborough-airport-continues-award-winning-streak-for-the-19th-consecutive-year.html>

Glasgow

Glasgow Airport Flightpath Fund benefits Clydebank groups

Clydebank Post – 31/03/2025

<https://www.clydebankpost.co.uk/news/25049450.glasgow-airport-flightpath-fund-benefits-clydebank-groups/>

Glasgow Prestwick

Scottish airport could be sold off as firm makes bid to buy site

Scottish Sun – 26/03/2025

<https://www.thescottishsun.co.uk/travel/14550092/glasgow-prestwick-airport-sold-off-john-swinney/>

Inverness

Airport chiefs want feedback from users

We Love Stornoway – 02/04/2025

<https://www.welovestornoway.com/index.php/articles/37954-airport-chiefs-want-feedback-from-users>

Liverpool

Liverpool John Lennon Airport crowned UK's favourite at Travel Gossip Awards 2025

Liverpool World – 27/03/2025

<https://www.liverpoolworld.uk/news/liverpool-john-lennon-airport-uk-favourite-awards-5053524>

Jet2.com and Jet2holidays mark one year of operations at Liverpool John Lennon Airport

Liverpool Chamber – 28/03/2025

<https://www.liverpoolchamber.org.uk/news/2025/03/jet2-com-and-jet2holidays-mark-one-year-of-operations-at-liverpool-john-lennon-airport/>

London City

London City hoping for longer range flights with larger aircraft

Travel Weekly – 27/03/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/london-city-hoping-for-longer-range-flights-with-larger-aircraft>

London City Airport's Community Fund donates over £500,000 to local charities and organisations to support good causes

London Post – 31/03/2025

<https://london-post.co.uk/london-city-airports-community-fund-donates-over-500000-to-local-charities-and-organisations-to-support-good-causes/>

Helvetic Airways lands London City Airport's largest ever jet

Aviation Business News – 31/03/2025

<https://www.aviationbusinessnews.com/industry-news/helvetic-airways-lands-london-city-airports-largest-ever-jet/>

London Heathrow

Aviation regulator to review Heathrow's financial model ahead of third runway

City AM – 27/03/2025

<https://www.cityam.com/aviation-regulator-to-review-heathrows-financial-model-ahead-of-third-runway/>

Heathrow to have "strong incentives" to make expansion "efficient"

London South East – 27/03/2025

<https://www.lse.co.uk/news/heathrow-to-have-strong-incentives-to-make-expansion-efficient-3cqzbfyptv1o1jd.html>

UK aviation watchdog to review Heathrow's resilience rules

Yahoo – 27/03/2025

<https://uk.finance.yahoo.com/news/uk-aviation-body-plans-incentivise-073400088.html>

Disastrous Heathrow power cut will cost airlines up to £100m, MPs told

The Standard – 02/04/2025

<https://www.standard.co.uk/business/heathrow-outage-electricity-cut-power-transport-select-committee-b1220272.html>

Heathrow switched power supply 'as fast as it could', claims chief executive

Travel Weekly – 02/04/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/heathrow-switched-power-supply-as-fast-as-it-could-claims-chief-executive>

Heathrow boss criticised over resilience as lawmakers probe shutdown

Yahoo – 02/04/2025

<https://uk.finance.yahoo.com/news/heathrow-boss-criticised-over-resilience-104521918.html>

Heathrow resilience concerns were raised before shutdown, parliament hears

Travel Weekly – 02/04/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/heathrow-resilience-concerns-were-raised-before-shutdown-parliament-hears>

Airline stocks down as Heathrow boss warns power supply upgrade could cost £1bn

London South East – 28/03/2025

<https://www.lse.co.uk/news/airline-stocks-down-as-heathrow-boss-warns-power-supply-upgrade-could-cost-1631bn-yo47craio883ytg.html>

New rail links needed if Heathrow Airport expands, London Assembly warned

The Standard – 01/04/2025

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/transport/heathrow-southern-western-rail-link-public-transport-surrey-berkshire-airport-third-runway-b1220145.html>

500 Wilson James London Heathrow Airport workers to strike over pay disparity with Gatwick Airport colleagues during Easter holidays

International Airport Review – 31/03/2025

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/258141/500-wilson-james-london-heathrow-airport-workers-to-strike-over-pay-disparity-with-gatwick-airport-colleagues-during-easter-holidays/>

London Luton

Jet2 opens new base and starts flights from Luton

BBC – 01/04/2025

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cr4nxkknk5xo>

Luton airport expansion approved by government

BBC - 03/04/2025

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cy4vg2d9v7no>

Transport secretary approves Luton Airport expansion despite rejection recommendation

New Civil Engineer - 03/04/2025

<https://www.newcivilengineer.com/latest/transport-secretary-approves-luton-airport-expansion-despite-rejection-recommendation-03-04-2025/>

The DCO application to grow our airport has been approved

Luton Rising – 03/04/2025

<https://lutonrising.org.uk/dco-decision/>

London Southend

EasyJet opens new hub at Southend Airport with flights to 20 sunny destinations

Mirror – 01/04/2025

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/lifestyle/travel/europe-short-haul/easyjet-opens-new-hub-uk-34971479>

London Stansted

London Stansted Airport to see 1.5 million Easter travellers

East Anglian Daily Times – 02/04/2025

<https://www.eadt.co.uk/news/25054863.london-stansted-airport-see-1-5-million-easter-travellers/>

Southampton

EasyJet expands Southampton network with new Paris route

Travel Weekly – 01/04/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/easyjet-expands-southampton-network-with-new-paris-route>

Teesside

'Game-changing' funding to 'unlock' airport growth

Bdaily – 28/03/2025

<https://bdaily.co.uk/articles/2025/03/28/funding-to-unlock-airport-expansion>