



GATCOM WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

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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

Community interests should be front and centre of airspace modernisation policy

AEF – 08/04/2025

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2025/04/08/community-interests-should-be-front-of-centre-of-airspace-modernisation-policy/>

How dynamic pricing and shopping data will transform airlines by 2025

OAG Blog – 07/04/2025

<https://www.oag.com/blog/how-dynamic-pricing-will-transform-airlines-by-2025>

Government backs mayor to reopen Doncaster Sheffield Airport

DfT – 09/04/2025

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-backs-mayor-to-reopen-doncaster-sheffield-airport?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=a04d9920-ac2d-4c41-acd2-c93070fa70de&utm_content=immediately

GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES

New design services framework to support London Gatwick's capital investment programme

10/04/2025

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/new-design-services-framework-to-support-london-gatwicks-capital-investment-programme-91f31-40f32.html>



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GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA

Big changes at Gatwick Airport will 'ease' passenger travel

The Argus – 07/04/2025

<https://www.theargus.co.uk/news/25061774.big-changes-gatwick-airport-will-ease-passenger-travel/>

Gatwick Airport set for Easter chaos as workers plan five-day strike

Mirror – 09/04/2025

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/lifestyle/travel/gatwick-airport-set-easter-chaos-35021864>

General Headlines

Summer 2025 air traffic control strike season is now under way

Independent – 09/04/2025

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/air-traffic-control-strikes-easter-travel-flights-london-greece-b2729526.html>

Air traffic chief warns 'we won't have a summer without delays'

Travel Weekly – 07/04/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air-traffic-chief-warns-we-wont-have-a-summer-without-delays>

Passenger news

UK airport security rules: What to know as some airports change 100ml liquid requirements

Independent – 09/04/2025

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/100ml-liquid-rule-uk-airport-security-hand-luggage-b2730110.html>

Industry news

Emergency travel document fees set to soar

Travel Weekly – 03/04/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/emergency-travel-document-fees-set-to-soar>

Environmental news

Granting Luton Airport Expansion Is A Dangerous Gamble With The Climate, Says Aviation Environment Federation

AEF – 03/04/2025

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2025/04/03/luton-airport-expansion-is-a-dangerous-gamble-with-the-climate/>

Sir Richard Branson says SAF progress ‘made tougher’ by US position

Travel Weekly – 04/04/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/sir-richard-branson-says-saf-progress-made-tougher-by-us-position>

Ministers should ‘follow up words with action’ on SAF, says Jet2 boss

Travel Weekly – 03/04/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/ministers-should-follow-up-words-with-action-on-saf-says-jet2-boss>

Growth in IT emissions outpacing aviation CO2, warns tech expert

Travel Weekly – 09/04/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/growth-in-it-emissions-outpacing-aviation-co2-warns-tech-expert>

OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Aberdeen

Easter escapes begin at Aberdeen International Airport

Aberdeen Chamber – 09/04/2025

<https://www.agcc.co.uk/news-article/easter-escapes-begin-at-aberdeen-international-airport>

Belfast City

City Airport’s IGNITE Youth Leadership Programme Opens For Entries

Business Eye – 08/04/2025

<https://www.busesseye.co.uk/news/city-airports-ignite-youth-leadership-programme-opens-for-entries/>

Belfast International

'Our vision is to reimagine the airport journey': Belfast airport transforms retail and dining into one-stop walkthrough shop from security to departures

News Letter – 03/04/2025

<https://www.newsletter.co.uk/business/our-vision-is-to-reimagine-the-airport-journey-belfast-airport-transforms-retail-and-dining-into-one-stop-walkthrough-shop-from-security-to-departures-5065113>

Birmingham

Birmingham Airport £10m infrastructure investment

BBC – 04/04/2025

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cdrgd76xgxxo>

Birmingham Airport opens tender to elevate dining experience with three airside spaces

Moodie Davitt Report -09/04/2025

<https://moodiedavittreport.com/birmingham-airport-opens-tender-to-elevate-dining-experience-with-three-airside-spaces/>

Bristol

Bristol Airport funds employment skills programme

North Somerset Council – 09/04/2025

<https://n-somerset.gov.uk/news/bristol-airport-funds-employment-skills-programme>

New airline provides even more connections from Bristol Airport

Punchline – 09/04/2025

<https://www.punchline-gloucester.com/articles/aanews/new-airline-provides-even-more-connections-from-bristol-airport>

Bristol Airport enhance emergency support with new state of the art fire vehicle

MNR Journal – 09/04/2025

<https://www.mnrjournal.co.uk/news/bristol-airport-enhance-emergency-support-with-new-state-of-the-art-fire-vehicle-782265>

East Midlands

180,000 passengers expected to fly from East Midlands Airport this Easter

West Bridgford Wire – 07/04/2025

<https://westbridgfordwire.com/180000-passengers-expected-to-fly-from-east-midlands-airport-this-easter/>

UK airport to trial autonomous cargo vehicle with 16,500 kg payload

Zag Daily – 07/04/2025

<https://zagdaily.com/tech/uk-airport-to-trial-autonomous-cargo-vehicle-with-16500-kg-payload/>

East Midlands Airport wants no flights affected when power station's cooling towers are blown up

Yahoo – 07/04/2025

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/east-midlands-airport-wants-no-054854946.html>

Farnborough

Green Circle Solutions helps Farnborough Int Airshow with its destination zero journey

Stand Out Magazine – 08/04/2025

<https://www.standoutmagazine.co.uk/green-circle-solutions-helps-farnborough-international-airshow-with-its-destination-zero-journey/>

Glasgow

SunExpress 'doubles down' with two new Glasgow routes

Travel Weekly – 07/04/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/sunexpress-doubles-down-with-two-new-glasgow-routes>

Leeds Bradford

Leeds Bradford Airport expands airside Electric vehicles fleet

Airside – 08/04/2025

<https://airsideint.com/leeds-bradford-airport-expands-airside-electric-vehicles-fleet/>

Liverpool

SunExpress Launches New Route to Antalya From Liverpool

Liverpool Chamber – 07/04/2025

<https://www.liverpoolchamber.org.uk/news/2025/04/sunexpress-launches-new-route-to-antalya-from-liverpool/>

London Heathrow

Heathrow Airport shutdown: What we learnt from travel chaos and how could it be prevented?

Independent – 03/04/2025

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/heathrow-shutdown-airport-cancellations-travel-investigation-b2726265.html>

'Game changer' idea to extend Elizabeth Line from Heathrow into Surrey

Get Surrey – 08/04/2025

<https://www.getsurrey.co.uk/news/surrey-news/game-changer-idea-extend-elizabeth-31369574>

Wilson James and OCS workers at Heathrow strike in fair pay dispute

Employee Benefits – 09/04/2025

<https://employeebenefits.co.uk/pay-strategy/wilson-james-and-ocs-workers-at-heathrow-strike-in-fair-pay-dispute/280617.article>

Heathrow Express slashes ticket prices for savvy travellers

Yorkshire Post – 08/04/2025

<https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/travel/heathrow-express-slashes-ticket-prices-for-savvy-travellers-5072324>

Hugh Grant slams Heathrow immigration officer over 'insulting and creepy' treatment of children

The Standard – 08/04/2025

<https://www.standard.co.uk/showbiz/hugh-grant-heathrow-insulting-creepy-children-b1220968.html>

The Heathrow airport private suite used by celebrities and politicians to travel under-the-radar

CN Traveller – 05/04/2025

<https://www.cntraveller.com/article/the-windsor-heathrow-airport-review>

London Luton

The Luton Airport expansion is officially happening

Time Out – 04/04/2025

<https://www.timeout.com/london/news/the-luton-airport-expansion-is-officially-happening-040425>

London Luton Airport expansion approved, bringing jobs, economic growth, and sustainability commitments

International Airport Review – 04/04/2025

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/258657/london-luton-airport-expansion-approved-bringing-jobs-economic-growth-and-sustainability-commitments/>

Luton Airport expansion gets green light despite environmental concerns

Engineering Technology – 04/04/2025

<https://eandt.theiet.org/2025/04/04/government-approves-luton-airport-expansion-despite-environmental-concerns>

Campaigners slam Luton airport expansion plans

Morning Star – 04/04/2025

<https://morningstaronline.co.uk/article/campaigners-slam-luton-airport-expansion-plans>

London Southend

Southend Airport expansion and milestones over the years

Echo – 06/04/2025

<https://www.echo-news.co.uk/news/25055341.southend-airport-expansion-milestones-years/>

London Stansted

Stansted gains new Dutch route

Travel Weekly – 07/04/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/stansted-gains-new-dutch-route>

Stansted Airport College students contribute to Commons inquiry

Saffron Walden Reporter – 04/04/2025

<https://www.saffronwaldenreporter.co.uk/news/25064457.stansted-airport-college-students-contribute-commons-inquiry/>



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Manchester

Qatar Airways raises Manchester capacity

Travel Weekly – 09/04/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/qatar-airways-raises-manchester-capacity>

Newcastle

New study finds Newcastle International Airport boosts economy by £1bn and supports over 17,000 jobs

Northumberland Gazette – 09/04/2025

<https://www.northumberlandgazette.co.uk/news/people/new-study-finds-newcastle-international-airport-boosts-economy-by-ps1bn-and-supports-over-17000-jobs-5074920>

Southampton

Southampton Airport enhances travel with new AI assistant to improve accessibility and passenger experience

International Airport Review – 07/04/2025

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/258922/southampton-airport-enhances-travel-with-new-ai-assistant-to-improve-accessibility-and-passenger-experience/>