



# GATCOM WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

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## CURRENT NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

### **New** Parliamentary Committee Call for Evidence Airport expansion and climate and nature targets

Closing date: 24/04/2025

<https://committees.parliament.uk/call-for-evidence/3647/>

## PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

### **NATS and leading ANSPs Unite to Drive Sustainable Aviation Through a Novel Data-Driven Insights Tool**

NATS – 16/04/2025

<https://www.nats.aero/news/nats-and-leading-ansps-unite-to-drive-sustainable-aviation-through-a-novel-data-driven-insights-tool/>

### **What do public think the future of flight should look like in the UK?**

University of Birmingham Report – 26/03/2025

<https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/2025/what-do-publics-think-the-future-of-flight-should-look-like-in-the-uk>

### **Best UK airport lounges**

Which? review – 03/04/2025

[https://www.which.co.uk/reviews/airports/article/best-uk-airport-lounges-aesGK0P1j9Vd?utm\\_source=ExactTarget&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=4583723-T\\_TN\\_EM\\_ProdBU\\_W\\_20250406&mi\\_u=227883672&mi\\_ecmp=T\\_TN\\_EM\\_ProdBU\\_W\\_20250406](https://www.which.co.uk/reviews/airports/article/best-uk-airport-lounges-aesGK0P1j9Vd?utm_source=ExactTarget&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=4583723-T_TN_EM_ProdBU_W_20250406&mi_u=227883672&mi_ecmp=T_TN_EM_ProdBU_W_20250406)

## GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES

**Improved security process and new routes: What passengers can expect travelling through London Gatwick this Easter**

17/04/2025

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/improved-security-process-and-new-routes-what-passengers-can-expect-travelling-through-london-gatwick-this-easter-5d12d-40f32.html>

## GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA

**Gatwick Easter strike update as 50 flights a day face major disruption**

Independent – 16/04/2025

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/gatwick-strike-easter-red-handling-unite-b2734257.html>

## General Headlines

**Government's Luton airport go-ahead may not aid Gatwick or Heathrow**

Travel Weekly – 11/04/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/all-content/governments-luton-airport-go-ahead-may-not-aid-gatwick-or-heathrow>

**The Gatwick delay has implications for wider airport expansion**

The Planner – 14/04/2025

<https://www.theplanner.co.uk/2025/03/31/gatwick-delay-has-implications-wider-airport-expansion>

**Easter weekend travel take off still behind pre-pandemic levels**

Travel Weekly – 10/04/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/easter-weekend-travel-take-off-still-behind-pre-pandemic-levels>

**Strong travel and tourism growth projected this year but sector recovery 'uneven'**

Travel Weekly – 10/04/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/all-content/strong-travel-and-tourism-growth-projected-this-year-but-sector-recovery-uneven>

**Flights increase heralds busy summer ahead**

NATS – 11/04/2025

<https://www.nats.aero/news/flights-increase-heralds-busy-summer-ahead/>

## Passenger news

### Major travel shake-up as boarding passes and check-in set to disappear

The Mirror – 15/04/2025

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/lifestyle/travel/major-travel-shake-up-boarding-35058816>

## Industry news

### CAP 3097: CAA Environmental Sustainability's new Work Programme from April 2025 – March 2027

CAA – 01/04/2025

<https://www.caa.co.uk/our-work/publications/documents/content/cap3097/>

### CAA traffic movements data 2024 comparison with 2023

<https://www.caa.co.uk/Documents/Download/11911/0af1d44e-1648-4fd7-94e3-0b9697934148/17015>

### CAA Terminal and Transit Passenger data 2024

<https://www.caa.co.uk/Documents/Download/11911/0af1d44e-1648-4fd7-94e3-0b9697934148/16997>

## Environmental news

### Industry Must Be Responsible For Funding Sustainable Aviation Fuel

AEF – 10/04/2025

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2025/04/10/industry-must-be-responsible-for-funding-sustainable-aviation-fuel/>

### Zero carbon research team aims to change the world

BBC – 16/04/2025

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c39jxz97z00o>

### AEF supports the extension of the UK ETS beyond 2030

AEF – 15/04/2025

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2025/04/15/aef-supports-uk-ets-extension/>

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## OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

### Aberdeen

**Aberdeen International Airport launches AI assistant to improve passenger journeys and reduce pressure on staff**

International Airport Review – 16/04/2025

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/259624/aberdeen-international-airport-launches-ai-assistant-to-improve-passenger-journeys-and-reduce-pressure-on-staff/>

### Belfast City

**Applications now being accepted for Belfast City Airport's Ignite programme**

Northern Ireland World – 16/04/2025

<https://www.northernirelandworld.com/business/applications-now-being-accepted-for-belfast-city-airports-ignite-programme-5086640>

### Birmingham

**BHX Powered by Solar Energy: Airport Celebrates Net Zero Milestone**

Birmingham Airport – 11/04/2025

<https://www.birminghamairport.co.uk/latest-news/bhx-powered-by-solar-energy-airport-celebrates-net-zero-milestone/>

**HS2 will mean trains from London to Birmingham Airport in 32 minutes**

Independent – 11/04/2025

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/hs2-birmingham-airport-london-train-rail-b2731541.html>

**Watch how Birmingham Airport just made a huge change to its drop-off system**

Birmingham World – 16/04/2025

<https://www.birminghamworld.uk/travel/travel-news/birmingham-airportbarrierless-drop-off-watch-video-5087065>

### Bristol

**Pegasus Airlines confirms start of Bristol airport flights**

Travel Weekly – 10/04/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/all-content/pegasus-airlines-confirms-start-of-bristol-airport-flights>

## East Midlands

### **Airport pleads guilty to river pollution charges**

BBC – 16/04/2025

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/ckgx657ldz3o>

### **New report highlights challenges and opportunities for decarbonisation of the East Midlands Airport ecosystem**

University of Nottingham – 15/04/2025

<https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/news/decarbonisation-east-midlands-airport>

## Edinburgh

### **Edinburgh to Atlanta flights resume up to 10 times per week in peak summer months**

Edinburgh Live – 16/04/2025

<https://www.edinburghlive.co.uk/news/edinburgh-news/edinburgh-atlanta-flights-resume-up-31437820>

## Glasgow

### **High-speed railways could erode need for Glasgow Airport in the future, rail expert says**

Independent – 15/04/2025

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/glasgow-airport-high-speed-rail-edinburgh-scotland-flights-b2733483.html>

## Leeds Bradford

### **LBA fully electrifies its first operational department**

Wharfedale Observer – 16/04/2025

<https://www.wharfedaleobserver.co.uk/news/25095870.lba-fully-electrifies-first-operational-department/>

### **Leeds Bradford Airport: New 30m-high 5G mast to boost mobile phone coverage at LBA after plans approved**

Yorkshire Evening Post – 15/04/2025

<https://www.yorkshireeveningpost.co.uk/news/politics/5g-mast-leeds-bradford-airport-5083127>

## London City

**It's official: one of the world's most beautiful airport landings is in London**

Time Out – 13/04/2025

<https://www.timeout.com/london/news/its-official-one-of-the-worlds-most-beautiful-airport-landings-is-in-london-041325>

## London Heathrow

**Heathrow suffered 7.5% drop in March passengers amid 10-hour outage closure**

Travel Weekly – 11/04/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/all-content/heathrow-suffered-75-drop-in-march-passengers-amid-10-hour-outage-closure>

**Heathrow Airport Sees New Routes and Strong Cargo Growth in March**

Aviation Source News – 16/04/2025

<https://aviationsourcenews.com/heathrow-airport-sees-new-routes-and-strong-cargo-growth-in-march/>

**Heathrow Still 'On Track' for Record-Breaking Year – Despite March Meltdown**

Skift – 11/04/2025

<https://skift.com/2025/04/11/heathrow-still-on-track-for-record-breaking-year/>

**Heathrow Airport taxi and PHV enforcement patrol officers catch 'prohibited' fleeing driver**

Taxi Point – 13/04/2025

<https://www.taxi-point.co.uk/post/heathrow-airport-taxi-and-phv-enforcement-patrol-officers-catch-prohibited-fleeing-driver>

**5 Airports Most Prone to Baggage Theft: Heathrow Tops Google Searches**

Tempo – 16/04/2025

<https://en.tempoco.co/read/1997319/5-airports-most-prone-to-baggage-theft-heathrow-tops-google-searches>

**Can you help us boost flight tracking at London Heathrow Airport?**

Flight Radar – 15/04/2025

<https://www.flightradar24.com/blog/inside-flightradar24/can-you-help-us-at-heathrow/>

### London Luton

**Luton Airport drives growth as Aena Group sees 4.3 per cent increase in passengers**

Insider Media – 16/04/2025

<https://www.insidermedia.com/news/central-and-east/luton-airport-drives-growth-as-aena-group-sees-4.3-per-cent-increase-in-passengers>

### London Southend

**Southend Airport wins Best Route Development & Marketing award at Routes Europe 2025**

ADS Advance – 15/04/2025

<https://www.adsadvance.co.uk/southend-airport-wins-best-route-development-marketing-award-at-routes-europe-2025.html>

### London Stansted

**London Stansted to submit planning application for expansion ‘in coming weeks’**

City AM – 14/04/2025

<https://www.cityam.com/london-stansted-to-submit-planning-application-for-expansion-in-coming-weeks/>

**Stansted Airport posts a record-breaking winter**

Business Weekly – 14/04/2025

<https://www.businessweekly.co.uk/posts/stansted-airport-posts-a-record-breaking-winter>

**Camera cars to seek out airport fly parking culprits and identify worst-affected areas in Stansted**

Bishop’s Stortford Independent – 16/04/2025

<https://www.bishopstortfordindependent.co.uk/news/camera-survey-to-seek-out-fly-parkers-9413124/>

**Vodafone 4G takes off at London Stansted Airport**

Vodafone – 16/04/2025

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/news/4g-takes-off-at-london-stansted-airport/>



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### Manchester

**March delivers 18th consecutive record breaking month for Manchester Airport**  
Marketing Stockport – 14/04/2025

<https://marketingstockport.co.uk/news/march-delivers-18th-consecutive-record-breaking-month-for-manchester-airport/>

### Newcastle

**Newcastle Airport facing record-breaking Easter weekend as 60,000 passengers pass through terminal**

Chronicle Live – 16/04/2025

<https://www.chroniclelive.co.uk/whats-on/travel-tourism/newcastle-airport-facing-record-breaking-31438742>

### Teesside

**First image of controversial new homes to be built near Teesside International Airport**

Gazette Live – 14/04/2025

<https://www.gazettelive.co.uk/news/teesside-news/bellway-homes-darlington-teesside-airport-31421666>