



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.

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CURRENT NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

DfT Consultation: SAF revenue certainty mechanism: indicative heads of terms and contract allocation

Closing date: 03/04/2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/saf-revenue-certainty-mechanism-indicative-heads-of-terms-and-contract-allocation>

PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

CAP 3220: Airspace Modernisation: Requirements for the UK Airspace Coordination Service and associated guidance

CAA – 25/03/2026

<https://www.caa.co.uk/publication/download/27394>

CAP 3225: Economic Regulation of NERL: Decision to modify NERL's Licence to support the implementation of a UK Airspace Design Service

CAA – 25/03/2026

<https://www.caa.co.uk/publication/download/27391>

CAP 3219: Airspace Modernisation: Guidance for the UK Airspace Design and Coordination Services

CAA – 25/03/2026

<https://www.caa.co.uk/publication/download/27393>

CAP 3220: Airspace Modernisation: Requirements for the UK Airspace Coordination Service and associated guidance

CAA – 25/03/2026

<https://www.caa.co.uk/publication/download/27394>

Middle East Conflict: The Impact On Airline Capacity

OAG blog – 24/03/2026

<https://www.oag.com/blog/middle-east-conflict-the-impact-on-airline-capacity>



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AEF Supports Increasing Private Jet Taxation In Scotland

AEF – 24/03/2026

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2026/03/24/aef-supports-increasing-private-jet-taxation-in-scotland/>

Transforming the skies: Free Route Airspace

NATS blog – 18/03/2026

<https://nats.aero/blog/2026/03/transforming-the-skies-free-route-airspace/>

GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES & CONSULTATIONS

London Gatwick celebrates largest airline launch in a decade as Jet2 takes off 26/03/2026

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-celebrates-largest-airline-launch-in-a-decade-as-jet2-take-off-ab5e2-40f32.html>

AnimaWings joins London Gatwick's growing portfolio, offering new flights to Romania's capital

23/03/2026

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/animawings-joins-london-gatwick-s-growing-portfolio-offering-new-flights-to-romania-s-capital-5b851-40f32.html>

London Gatwick's Route 4 airspace change proposal reaches halfway point as communities and stakeholders invited to have their say

13/03/2026

Closing date: 28/04/2026

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-s-route-4-airspace-change-proposal-reaches-halfway-point-as-communities-and-stakeholders-invited-to-have-their-say-6ef95-40f32.html>

GATWICK AIRPORT PRESS

Jet2 to increase Gatwick flights as service begins

BBC News - 26/03/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c7vqd3jygdjo>

Postcode lottery' puts public at risk - taxi drivers

BBC News 25/03/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/crk14kgv6gko>

[The biggest change in Gatwick air traffic control for a generation](#)

NATS blog – 24/03/2026

Rail scheme delay may impact Gatwick and Universal

BBC – 24/03/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c8x7l992k7wo>

General Headlines

Revealed: The worst London postcodes for airplane 'flight blight'

The new study ranks postcodes worst affected by 'flight blight', with London dominating the list as expansion plans threaten even greater disruption

The Standard – 25/03/2026

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/flight-blight-noise-london-postcodes-heathrow-b1276355.html>

Milestone Reached with Expansion of Free Route Airspace over Scotland

NATS – 25/03/2026

<https://www.nats.aero/news/milestone-reached-with-expansion-of-free-route-airspace-over-scotland/>

'Postcode lottery' puts public at risk - taxi drivers

BBC – 25/03/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/crk14kgv6gko>

Exclusive research reveals impact of war on Britons' holiday plans

Travel Weekly – 19/03/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/exclusive-research-reveals-impact-of-war-on-britons-holiday-plans>

Domestic tourism faces 'decimation' if holiday tax is imposed

Travel Weekly – 24/03/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/domestic-tourism-faces-decimation-if-holiday-tax-is-imposed>

Revealed: The world's best airlines in 2026

Independent – 24/03/2026

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/worlds-best-airlines-2026-b2944429.html>

Passenger news

Passengers face soaring air fares 'just like after 9/11' due to Iran war, global aviation chief warns

Daily Mail – 20/03/2026

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15665107/passengers-soaring-air-fares-9-11-iran-war-aviation.html>

Business class-only airline finally announces first departure after three years

Independent – 24/03/2026

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/maldives-luxury-flights-london-heathrow-dubai-b2944767.html>

Industry news

Airline chiefs demand EU address 'rising cost burden' of regulation

Travel Weekly – 19/03/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/airline-chiefs-demand-eu-address-rising-cost-burden-of-regulation>

Environmental news

Don't let crops in the SAF mandate, says AEF

AEF – 20/03/2026

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2026/03/20/dont-let-crops-in-the-saf-mandate-says-aef/>

“I am pleased to see Loganair make history as the first commercial airline to trial an all-electric aircraft across its network. “

The Orkney News – 23/03/2026

<https://theorkneynews.scot/2026/03/23/i-am-pleased-to-see-loganair-make-history-as-the-first-commercial-airline-to-trial-an-all-electric-aircraft-across-its-network/>

OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Belfast International

Northern Quarter opens at Belfast International Airport after £1m investment

Love Ballymena – 23/03/2026

<https://www.loveballymena.online/post/northern-quarter-opens-at-belfast-international-airport-after-1m-investment>

Birmingham

Birmingham Airport Records Busiest February Ever

Birmingham Airport – 23/03/2026

<https://www.birminghamairport.co.uk/latest-news/bhx-records-busiest-february-ever/>

'We are a product of the melting pot': Brummie icons including UB40 and Glynn Purnell honoured as Birmingham Airport unveils new 'Icons Wall' paying homage to city's diverse communities

Express and Star – 25/03/2026

<https://www.expressandstar.com/entertainment/birmingham-entertainment/2026/03/25/we-are-a-product-of-the-melting-pot-brummie-icons-including-ub40-and-glynn-purnell-honoured-as-birmingham-airport-unveils-new-icons-wall-paying-homage-to-citys-diverse-communities/>

Bristol

Bristol Airport hits back at study claim it's the most complained about in UK

Bristol Post – 19/03/2026

<https://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/bristol-news/bristol-airport-hits-back-study-10873411>

East Midlands

East Midlands Airport in line for best regional cargo hub in the world title

West Bridgford Wire – 25/03/2026

<https://westbridgfordwire.com/east-midlands-airport-in-line-for-best-regional-cargo-hub-in-the-world-title/>

East Midlands Airport opens new Quiet Room and sensory pod

Regional Gateway – 23/03/2026

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/east-midlands-airport-opens-new-quiet-room-and-sensory-pod/>

Exeter

Airport staff blindfolded to understand sight loss

BBC – 25/03/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c0krv88gyyyo>

Glasgow Prestwick

£40m for Prestwick as Ryanair expands site to create hundreds of jobs

Daily Mail – 20/03/2026

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-15665887/40m-Prestwick-Ryanair-expands-site-create-hundreds-jobs.html>

Inverness

KLM flights increase at Inverness Airport set to hand Highlands and Moray tourism industry and local travellers a massive boost with extra Amsterdam Schiphol flights

Strathspey Herald – 20/03/2026

<https://www.strathspey-herald.co.uk/news/international-airline-more-than-doubles-inverness-amsterdam-430352/>

Leeds Bradford

Leeds Bradford Airport outlines sustainability strategy - “We are not just building a bigger airport; we are building a better one”

Insider Media – 25/03/2026

<https://www.insidermedia.com/news/yorkshire/leeds-bradford-airport-outlines-sustainability-strategy-we-are-not-just-building-a-bigger-airport-we-are-building-a-better-one>

New luxury lounge with adults-only area to open at Leeds Bradford Airport

Your Harrogate – 25/03/2026

<https://www.yourharrogate.co.uk/local-news/harrogate/new-luxury-lounge-with-adults-only-area-to-open-at-leeds-bradford-airport/>

Liverpool

Liverpool John Lennon Airport opens £3m solar farm to support zero-carbon goals

Future Travel Experience – 24/03/2026

<https://www.futuretravelexperience.com/2026/03/liverpool-john-lennon-airport-opens-3m-solar-farm-to-support-zero-carbon-goals/>

London Heathrow

MP raises Heathrow expansion transport concerns

BBC – 23/03/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c0le8w6748wo>

Heathrow's upcoming parking facilities will exceed the cost of Gatwick's proposed second runway

Bitget – 21/03/2026

<https://www.bitget.com/news/detail/12560605289029>

This major London airport has been named one of the best in the world for 2026

Time Out – 24/03/2026

<https://www.timeout.com/london/news/this-major-london-airport-has-been-named-one-of-the-best-in-the-world-for-2026-032426>

Electric cars gain free parking perk as Heathrow hits drivers with new £7 charge

GB News – 25/03/2026

<https://www.gbnews.com/lifestyle/cars/electric-cars-free-parking-heathrow-charges>

Concorde to Beatlemania: Heathrow Airport marks 80th anniversary with iconic photos

ITV – 24/03/2026

<https://www.itv.com/news/meridian/2026-03-24/heathrow-airport-releases-iconic-photos-to-celebrate-80th-anniversary>

Heathrow Airport is giving away free bears for 80th birthday

London Now – 25/03/2026

<https://www.london-now.co.uk/news/25966582.heathrow-airport-giving-away-free-bears-80th-birthday/>

Virgin Atlantic unveils new-look Clubhouse at Heathrow

Travel Weekly – 23/03/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/virgin-atlantic-unveils-new-look-clubhouse-at-heathrow>

London Southend

London Southend crowned London's most punctual airport

TravelMole – 25/03/2026

<https://www.travelmole.com/news/london-southend-crowned-londons-most-punctual-airport/>

London Stansted

London Stansted Airport: Undertaking a transformative expansion

International Airport Review – 23/03/2026

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/article/302905/london-stansted-airport-undertaking-a-transformative-expansion/>

Stansted Airport completes major upgrade of airfield security checkpoint

Bishop's Stortford Independent – 25/03/2026

<https://www.bishopstortfordindependent.co.uk/news/stansted-airport-completes-major-upgrade-of-airfield-security-9458949/>

Drivers hit with higher prices for drop-off services at Stansted Airport

Express and Star – 20/03/2026

<https://www.expressandstar.com/news/motors/2026/03/20/drivers-hit-with-higher-prices-for-drop-off-services-at-stansted-airport/>

How Stansted became London's third airport in 1964

Echo – 24/03/2026

<https://www.echo-news.co.uk/news/25964252.stansted-became-londons-third-airport-1964/>

Manchester

Manchester Airport's major new 470 seat sports bar opens

The Mail – 24/03/2026

<https://www.nwemail.co.uk/news/25959309.manchester-airports-major-new-470-seat-sports-bar-opens/>

Newcastle

EasyJet boosts Newcastle capacity by 85% with new base opening

Travel Weekly – 24/03/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/easyjet-boosts-newcastle-capacity-by-85-with-new-base-opening>