



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

NI government consultation on aviation policy

Closing date: 22/05/2026

<https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/consultations/aviation-policy>

PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

Summer 2026: New Airline Routes and Where They're Launching

OAG – 02/04/2026

<https://www.oag.com/blog/summer-2026s-new-airline-routes>

GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES & CONSULTATIONS

London Gatwick's Route 4 airspace change proposal - 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

New overnight train service at Gatwick to launch

BBC – 03/04/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c4gd83gv8reo>

London Gatwick Airport adds five new airlines in two weeks as summer demand surges

Aerospace Global News – 03/04/2026

<https://aerospaceglobalnews.com/news/london-gatwick-airport-new-airlines-summer/>

GACC NEWSLETTER

April 2026

<https://www.gacc.org.uk/resources/Newsletters/Newsletter%20155.pdf>

General Headlines

**London flight cancellations begin as fuel prices soar and demand drops
Airlines have cut routes and warned of further disruption as rising oil prices push up costs and hit passenger numbers**

The Standard – 03/04/2026

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/london-flight-cancellations-fuel-prices-hormuz-b1277543.html>

Holidaymakers could get stuck abroad amid Iran war chaos, Ryanair boss says

The Standard – 04/04/2026

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/cancellation-holidaymakers-iran-war-ryanair-b1277596.html>

Passenger news

BBC Player launching in-flight platform

Advanced Television – 08/04/2026

<https://www.advanced-television.com/2026/04/08/bbc-player-launching-in-flight-platform/>

The Top 10 Global Airports for Food and Drink, According to the Experts

Food & Wine – 08/04/2026

<https://www.foodandwine.com/top-international-airports-for-food-and-drink-2026-11925000>

OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Belfast City

Belfast Telegraph Business Awards: ‘Success is about wider social and economic impact’: Belfast City Airport

Belfast Telegraph – 07/04/2026

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/events/business-awards/belfast-telegraph-business-awards-success-is-about-wider-social-and-economic-impact-belfast-city-airport/a/145190256.html>

Birmingham

West Midlands Fire Service issues major update on incident at Birmingham Airport that caused North Terminal to be evacuated

Express & Star – 07/04/2026

<https://www.expressandstar.com/news/west-midlands-fire-service-major-update-incident-birmingham-airport-6566087>

Birmingham Airport Hikes Express Drop-Off Fees to £7

DM News – 08/04/2026

<https://dmnews.co.uk/birmingham-airport-hikes-express-drop-off-fees-to-7/>

Bristol

Welsh government wins Cardiff Airport legal row against Bristol over £200m subsidy

BBC – 07/04/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c208pd37n50o>

Bristol Airport Submits Plans For Bigger Airport

UK Inbound – 07/04/2026

<https://www.ukinbound.org/member-news/bristol-airport-submits-plans-for-bigger-airport/>

Crackdown on airport parking begins as 'rogue operators' dump cars exploiting legal loophole

GB News – 05/04/2026

<https://www.gbnews.com/lifestyle/cars/crackdown-bristol-airport-parking-rogue-operators>

East Midlands

CAA data reveals who flies from East Midlands Airport and where they go

Bridgford Wire – 07/04/2026

<https://westbridgfordwire.com/caa-data-reveals-who-flies-from-east-midlands-airport-and-where-they-go/>

East Midlands Airport issues alert to passengers on liquid limit rule amid 'start of summer season'

Express & Star – 08/04/2026

<https://www.expressandstar.com/news/east-midlands-airport-passengers-liquid-limit-6566911>

Exeter

Mystery Norway flight lands in Exeter

The Moorlander – 08/04/2026

<https://www.themoorlander.co.uk/news/around-devon/2057000/mystery-norway-flight-lands-in-exeter.html>

Glasgow

US military planes spotted at Glasgow Airport amid war with Iran

The Scottish Sun – 07/04/2026

<https://www.thescottishsun.co.uk/news/16124394/us-military-planes-glasgow-airport/>

Starbucks reopens at Glasgow Airport following major refurbishment

Glasgow Chamber of Commerce – 08/04/2026

<https://www.glasgowchamberofcommerce.com/news/news/2026/april/08/starbucks-reopens-at-glasgow-airport-following-major-refurbishment/>

Glasgow Prestwick

Glasgow Prestwick shortlisted as finalist in World Air Cargo Awards

The Herald – 01/04/2026

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/25989614.glasgow-prestwick-shortlisted-finalist-world-air-cargo-awards/>

London City

JP Morgan reaches agreement with City airport for Canary Wharf's tallest tower

The Guardian – 07/04/2026

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2026/apr/07/jp-morgan-clears-hurdle-canary-wharf-tallest-tower-london-city-airport>

London Heathrow

Aviation regulator publishes Initial Proposals for Heathrow H8 price cap

CAA – 31/03/2026

<https://www.caa.co.uk/newsroom/news/aviation-regulator-publishes-initial-proposals-for-heathrow-h8-price-cap/>

British Airways and Pegasus Cancellations Ripple Through Heathrow and Regional Hubs

Visa HQ – 06/04/2026

<https://www.visahq.com/news/2026-04-05/gb/british-airways-and-pegasus-cancellations-ripple-through-heathrow-and-regional-hubs/>

Heathrow Airport marks 80th anniversary with iconic photos

ITV – 07/04/2026

<https://www.itv.com/watch/news/heathrow-airport-marks-80th-anniversary-with-iconic-photos/wt5qxmm>

London Luton

Jet2 marks one year of operations at London Luton Airport

Jet2 – 02/04/2026

https://www.jet2plc.com/news/2026/04/Jet2_marks_one_year_of_operations_at_London_Luton_Airport

London Southend

Therapy dogs at Southend Airport help to ease passenger anxieties ahead of flights

ITV – 01/04/2026

<https://www.itv.com/watch/news/therapy-dogs-at-southend-airport-help-to-ease-passenger-anxieties-ahead-of-flights/1j028km>

London Stansted

London Stansted joins Essex Wildlife Trust's Investor in Wildlife scheme

Essex TV – 07/04/2026

<https://essex-tv.co.uk/london-stansted-joins-essex-wildlife-trusts-investor-in-wildlife-scheme/>

Young people, sports clubs and charities benefit from £79,800 boost from Stansted Airport Community Fund

Your Harlow – 08/04/2026

<https://www.yourharlow.com/2026/04/08/young-people-sports-clubs-and-charities-benefit-from-79800-boost-from-stansted-airport-community-fund/>



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How do cabbies feel about new drop-off charge at Stansted?

BBC – 04/04/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c3r3q778wxo>

Manchester

Manchester Airport private jet facility prepares for take off priced at £10m

The Business Desk – 07/04/2026

<https://www.thebusinessdesk.com/northwest/news/2170180-manchester-airport-private-jet-facility-prepares-for-take-off-priced-at-10m>