



GATCOM WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

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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

Briefing: Ultrafine Particles From Aviation - What are ultrafine particles and what do they have to do with aviation?

AEF – 15/04/2026

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2026/04/15/briefing-ultra-fine-particles-from-aviation/>

CAP3238: Draft Decision on the regulatory treatment of early costs of capacity expansion at Heathrow airport

CAA – 20/04/2026

<https://www.caa.co.uk/data-and-publications/publications/documents/content/cap3238/>

GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES & CONSULTATIONS

Final week to share views on London Gatwick's Route 4 consultation

21/03/2026

Closing date: 28/04/2026

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/final-week-to-share-views-on-london-gatwick-s-route-4-consultation-05076-40f32.html>



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GATWICK AIRPORT PRESS

End of the runway for Gatwick as top court kicks out insurance lifeline

CITY AM – 26/04/2026

<https://www.cityam.com/end-of-the-runway-for-gatwick-as-top-court-kicks-out-insurance-lifeline/>

Rare Visitor: Why A Qantas Airbus A380 Was Spotted At London Gatwick Airport

Simple Flying – 21/04/2026

<https://simpleflying.com/qantas-airbus-a380-spotted-london-gatwick-airport/>

Budget airline axes all Gatwick flights to popular holiday spot

Yahoo News 19/04/2026

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/budget-airline-axes-gatwick-flights-152855982.html>

General Headlines

Air fares soar by nearly 25% as Iran war forces flights to re-route

BBC – 21/04/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/crr14qplxe8o>

Airlines call for emergency government support as war hits airfares and flights

ITV – 21/04/2026

<https://www.itv.com/news/2026-04-21/airlines-call-for-emergency-government-support-as-war-hits-airfares-and-flights>

L500 Aer Lingus flights cut for 'maintenance' as experts warn Europe to run out of fuel in 'weeks'

Lad Bible – 21/04/2026

<https://www.ladbible.com/lifestyle/travel/500-flights-cut-europe-fuel-672613-20260419>

Britain Is One of the Most Vulnerable Countries in Europe for Jet Fuel; IEA Says Flights Could Be Cancelled From May

IB Times – 18/04/2026

<https://www.ibtimes.co.uk/european-jet-fuel-shortage-summer-travel-1792288>

Chancellor says 'no issue' with fuel supply after energy boss's six-week warning

Travel Weekly – 17/04/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/europe-has-maybe-six-weeks-of-jet-fuel-left-warns-energy-boss>

Europe's new digital border system leading to long lines, delays and missed flights

The Points Guy – 16/04/2026

<https://thepointsguy.com/travel/europes-new-ees-digital-border-system-delays/>

Passenger news

How much the Iran war is likely to add to your holiday as study reveals increased price of flights

Independent – 21/04/2026

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/iran-war-fuel-flights-price-increase-b2961586.html>

Greece 'exempts Britons from biometric registration' under EES scheme

Travel Weekly – 18/04/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/greece-exempts-britons-from-biometric-registration-under-ees-scheme>

Environmental news

Strive for highest sustainability standards in fuels, says AEF

AEF – 16/04/2026

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2026/04/16/strive-for-highest-sustainability-standards-in-fuels-says-aef/>

OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Aberdeen

Warning change to end Aberdeen airport taxi queue pain 'materially risks security'

Press and Journal 20/04/2026

<https://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/fp/news/aberdeen-aberdeenshire/6996437/aberdeen-airport-taxi-queue-rank-merge/>

Aberdeen Airport Wins Top Business Award in 2026

Travel Radar – 19/04/2026

<https://travelradar.aero/aberdeen-airport-wins-top-business-award-in-2026/>

Belfast City

The sky's the limit for Belfast City Airport's High Flyers

News Letter – 22/04/2026

<https://www.newsletter.co.uk/your-world/the-skys-the-limit-for-belfast-city-airports-high-flyers-7140759>

Bristol

Protesters say runway extension will 'wreck' common

BBC – 19/04/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c78rgd3g0x8o>

Report Highlights Bristol Airport's Role In South West Growth

UKInbound – 22/04/2026

<https://www.ukinbound.org/member-news/report-highlights-bristol-airports-role-in-south-west-growth/>

Chief Executive of Bristol Airport to step down

Travel Weekly – 17/04/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/chief-executive-of-bristol-airport-to-step-down>

East Midlands

East Midlands brings a taste of Italy to departure lounge

Regional Gateway – 22/04/2026

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/east-midlands-brings-a-taste-of-italy-to-departure-lounge/>

East Midlands Airport Sees Strong Passenger Surge in March and Easter – Signalling a Bumper Summer Season

Aviation Source News – 20/04/2026

<https://aviationsourcenews.com/east-midlands-airport-sees-strong-passenger-surge-in-march-and-easter-signalling-a-bumper-summer-season/>

Farnborough

Farnborough Airport achieves Europe's number one FBO title for 19th time

Regional Gateway – 20/04/2026

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/farnborough-airport-achieves-europes-number-one-fbo-title-for-19th-time/>

Glasgow

What is the future of the Glasgow Airport rail link ahead of the 2026 Scottish Parliament election?

Glasgow World – 16/04/2026

<https://www.glasgowworld.com/news/future-glasgow-airport-rail-link-6577871>

Leeds Bradford

'No to more night flights': Climate campaigners hold rally as Leeds Bradford Airport row intensifies

Yorkshire Evening Post – 22/04/2026

<https://www.yorkshireeveningpost.co.uk/news/traffic-and-travel/climate-campaigners-hold-rally-leeds-bradford-airport-row-7165066>

London Heathrow

Aviation regulator publishes draft decision on Heathrow expansion early costs recovery

CAA – 20/04/2026

<https://www.caa.co.uk/newsroom/news/aviation-regulator-publishes-draft-decision-on-heathrow-expansion-early-costs-recovery/>

Heathrow Airport can recover up to £320m in early expansion costs – regulator

The Standard – 21/04/2026

<https://www.standard.co.uk/business/business-news/civil-aviation-authority-heathrow-airport-government-press-association-b1279370.html>

'When it comes to Heathrow expansion, it's time to take off'

Labour List – 22/04/2026

<https://labourlist.org/2026/04/heathrow-expansion-time-to-take-off/>

The top 10 busiest airports in the world have been revealed for 2025 – here's where London Heathrow ranks

Time Out – 17/04/2026

<https://www.timeout.com/london/news/the-top-10-busiest-airports-in-the-world-have-been-revealed-for-2025-heres-where-london-heathrow-ranks-041726>

Heathrow Airport TAXI TOUT CRACKDOWN sees multiple drivers investigated and facing action in joint enforcement operation

Taxi Rank – 22/04/2026

<https://www.taxi-point.co.uk/post/heathrow-airport-taxi-tout-crackdown-sees-multiple-drivers-investigated-in-joint-enforcement-operati>

Waitrose enters airport retail for the first time at Heathrow Airport

John Lewis – 20/04/2026

<https://www.johnlewispartnership.co.uk/media-centre/latest-news/2026/23883>

London Stansted

Stansted Airport celebrates 11 years of mentoring scheme

Braintree and Witham Times – 22/04/2026

<https://www.braintreeandwithamtimes.co.uk/news/26043880.stansted-airport-celebrates-11-years-mentoring-scheme/>

Emirates brings global travel rehearsal programme to Stansted Airport

Your Thurrock – 22/04/2026

<https://www.yourthurrock.com/2026/04/22/emirates-brings-global-travel-rehearsal-programme-to-stansted-airport/>

Strikes by workers at Stansted Airport called off

BBC – 17/04/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cwyv0lwl0y5o>

Manchester

Manchester Airport gets all night train service

ITV – 22/04/2026

<https://www.itv.com/news/granada/2026-04-22/manchester-airport-gets-all-night-train-service>

Newcastle

Newcastle Airport cuts on-site carbon emissions by 46%

Hexham Courant – 17/04/2026

<https://www.hexham-courant.co.uk/news/26030800.newcastle-airport-cuts-on-site-carbon-emissions-46/>