



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

Jet fuel and travel plans: what you need to know: UK airlines say that they are not currently seeing a shortage of jet fuel. The government is working with industry and international partners to keep passengers moving

Department for Transport, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero and Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office – 24/04/2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/jet-fuel-and-travel-plans-what-you-need-to-know>

Airspace information: transparency about airspace use and aircraft movements [data available for 10 airports]

CAA – 17/04/2026

<https://www.caa.co.uk/commercial-industry/airspace/airspace-change/airspace-information-transparency-about-airspace-use-and-aircraft-movements/>

The role of Air Traffic Control in future airspace

NATS blog – 28/04/2026

GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES & CONSULTATIONS

London Gatwick's 14-week Route 4 consultation closes

29/04/2026

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-s-14-week-route-4-consultation-closes-8fd8d-40f32.html>

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GATWICK AIRPORT PRESS

Gatwick Airport forced to close gate for 6 hours after bee swarm

My London – 27/04/2026

<https://www.mylondon.news/news/uk-world-news/gatwick-airport-forced-close-gate-33847702>

General Headlines

Holiday warning as government ‘closely monitoring’ airline jet fuel shortage

Independent – 24/04/2026

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/airline-jet-fuel-shortage-flights-b2964681.html>

Ryanair boss gives jet fuel update as 'supply disruption is receding'

Daily Record – 29/04/2026

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/lifestyle/travel/ryanair-boss-jet-fuel-update-37085560>

Wizz Air boss says jet fuel shortages are unlikely despite EU warning

Independent – 27/04/2026

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/wizz-air-jet-fuel-shortage-eu-b2965707.html>

Europe’s regional airports warn fuel costs regulatory pressures and aviation market changes are placing connectivity and financial sustainability at growing risk across the sector

International Airport Review – 28/04/2026

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/regional-airports-warn-rising-costs-and-fuel-pressures-threaten-european-connectivity/2135315.article>

Energy crisis deepens strains on regional airports – ACI EUROPE calls for urgent policy responses

Regional Gateway – 28/04/2026

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/energy-crisis-deepens-strains-on-regional-airports-calls-for-urgent-policy-responses/>

Amsterdam hub discounts charges as airlines suffer higher jet fuel costs

Travel Weekly – 29/04/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/amsterdam-hub-discounts-charges-as-airlines-suffer-higher-jet-fuel-costs>

Why jet fuel has become the aviation industry's biggest headache during the Iran War

International Airport Review – 23/04/2026

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/commercial-and-governance/why-jet-fuel-has-become-the-aviation-industrys-biggest-headache-during-the-iran-war/2135269.article>

Airlines are facing higher fuel costs and cutting fares at the same time. How does that work?

The Conversation – 23/04/2026

<https://theconversation.com/airlines-are-facing-higher-fuel-costs-and-cutting-fares-at-the-same-time-how-does-that-work-281219>

Regional & City Airports reports 23% passenger growth

Regional Gateway – 29/04/2026

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/regional-city-airports-reports-23-passenger-growth/>

Passenger news

Why and how European airlines may cancel flights – and why passengers shouldn't worry about holidays

Independent – 28/04/2026

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/europe-airlines-flight-cancellations-jet-fuel-shortage-b2966117.html>

Jet2 urges other countries to follow Greece in suspending EES checks

Travel Weekly – 27/04/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/jet2-urges-other-countries-to-follow-greece-in-suspending-ees-checks>

Industry news

March sees busiest day for flights this year

NATS – 28/04/2026

<https://www.nats.aero/news/march-sees-busiest-day-for-flights-this-year/>

Environmental news

'Guilt-free' holiday flights powered by zero-carbon hydrogen one step closer after Rolls-Royce and easyJet achieve new world-first with NASA-tested engine which could be used in passenger planes

Daily Mail – 29/04/2026

<https://www.dailymail.com/news/article-15775167/Guilt-free-holiday-flights-powered-zero-carbon-hydrogen-one-step-closer-Rolls-Royce-achieves-new-world-building-NASA-tested-engine-used-passenger-planes.html>

OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Aberdeen

Aberdeen Airport appoints strategic design consultancy - supports multimillion-pound transformation

Insider Media – 29/04/2026

<https://www.insidermedia.com/news/scotland/aberdeen-airport-appoints-strategic-design-consultancy-supports-multimillion-pound-transformation>

Belfast International

'We're confident it will become a highlight of the passenger journey': New family restaurant brings taste of Northern Ireland produce to Belfast International Airport

News Letter – 28/04/2026

<https://www.newsletter.co.uk/business/were-confident-it-will-become-a-highlight-of-the-passenger-journey-new-family-restaurant-brings-taste-of-northern-ireland-produce-to-belfast-international-airport-7999057>

Birmingham

Fliers and freight: How BHX is more than just an airport

Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce – 23/04/2026

<https://www.greaterbirminghamchambers.com/resource/fliers-and-freight-how-bhx-is-more-than-just-an-airport.html>

Birmingham Airport recruits commercial boss and travel trade executive

Travel Weekly – 29/04/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/birmingham-airport-recruits-commercial-boss-and-travel-trade-executive>

Bristol

Planning application for Bristol Airport expansion submitted

UK Property Forums – 29/04/2026

<https://ukpropertyforums.com/planning-application-for-bristol-airport-expansion-submitted/>

Bristol Airport could expand again - what does it mean?

BBC – 26/04/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cdj7vjxl033o>

Public backing for expansion at Bristol Airport, according to YouGov poll

The Business Desk – 27/04/2026

<https://www.thebusinessdesk.com/south-west/news/39482-public-backing-for-expansion-at-bristol-airport-according-to-yougov-poll>

Bristol Airport opens 2026 funding round for aviation decarbonisation projects

Bio Energy Times – 27/04/2026

<https://bioenergytimes.com/bristol-airport-opens-2026-funding-round-for-aviation-decarbonisation-projects/>

East Midlands

New cargo facility to open at East Midlands Airport marks YunExpress's landmark entry as the UK's first China-based cargo handler

East Midlands Airport – 20/04/2026

<https://mediacentre.eastmidlandsairport.com/new-cargo-facility-to-open-at-east-midlands-airport-marks-yunexpress-landmark-entry-as-the-uks-first-china-based-cargo-handler/>

Edinburgh

Edinburgh Airport 'worth £2.7bn' to Scottish economy, study finds

Travel Weekly – 27/04/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/edinburgh-airport-worth-27bn-to-scottish-economy-study-finds>

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Edinburgh Airport expands partnership with ABM to enhance passenger experience

Future Travel Experience – 26/04/2026

<https://www.futuretravelexperience.com/2026/04/edinburgh-airport-expands-partnership-with-abm-to-enhance-passenger-experience/>

Exeter

Exeter Airport booms as new flights send passenger numbers rocketing

Exeter Today – 28/04/2026

<https://www.exetertoday.co.uk/video/local-news/2071995/exeter-airport-booms-as-new-flights-send-passenger-numbers-rocketing.html>

Glasgow

ABM secures new Glasgow Airport travel contract to assist passengers with reduced mobility

THIIS – 29/04/2026

<https://thiis.co.uk/abm-secures-new-glasgow-airport-travel-contract-to-assist-passengers-with-reduced-mobility/>

Glasgow Airport: Lufthansa suspends flights from Glasgow Airport due to fuel crisis

Glasgow World – 29/04/2026

<https://www.glasgowworld.com/news/lufthansa-suspends-glasgow-flights-8171055>

Glasgow Prestwick

Private jets should be banned from publicly-owned airports like Prestwick, say Greens

Daily Record – 26/04/2026

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/private-jets-should-banned-publicly-37069387>

Leeds Bradford

Leeds Bradford Airport achieves major carbon accreditation sustainability milestone

International Airport Review – 28/04/2026

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/leeds-bradford-airport-achieves-major-carbon-accreditation-sustainability-milestone/2135319.article>

Leeds Bradford Airport boosts mobile connectivity

Smart Cities World – 29/04/2026

<https://www.smartcitiesworld.net/4g-and-5g/leeds-bradford-airport-boosts-mobile-connectivity>

London Heathrow

Heathrow's £320 Million Planning Bill — And Why You Might End Up Footing Part of It

DM News – 29/04/2026

<https://dmnews.co.uk/heathrows-320-million-planning-bill-and-why-you-might-end-up-footing-part-of-it/>

Baggage handler demands Heathrow red tape overhaul amid cost scrutiny

City AM – 24/04/2026

<https://www.cityam.com/baggage-handler-demands-heathrow-red-tape-overhaul-amid-cost-scrutiny/>

Heathrow retail performance outpaces traffic growth in Q1 amid caution over Middle East impact

The Moodie Davitt Report – 29/04/2026

<https://moodiedavittreport.com/heathrow-retail-performance-outpaces-traffic-growth-in-q1-amid-caution-over-middle-east-impact/>

London Heathrow increases revenue but warns of Iran 'impact'

BTN – 29/04/2026

<https://www.businesstravelnewseurope.com/Air-Travel/London-Heathrow-increases-revenue-but-warns-of-Iran-impact->

London Luton

Luton Airport ground handling strike threat lifted

Travel Weekly – 29/04/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/luton-airport-ground-handling-strike-threat-lifted>

Luton Airport inspires students to Reach for the Sky

ADS Advance – 28/04/2026

<https://www.adsadvance.co.uk/luton-airport-inspires-students-to-reach-for-the-sky.html>

London Southend

easyJet launches brand new route to 'vibrant' European city from Southend

Essex Live – 26/04/2026

<https://www.essexlive.news/whats-on/whats-on-news/easyjet-launches-brand-new-route-10936302>

London Stansted

Strike action at London Stansted Airport to proceed over May bank holiday as ABM defends pay offer and outlines contingency plans to maintain operations

International Airport Review – 24/04/2026

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/stansted-airport-strikes-set-to-proceed-as-abm-defends-pay-offer/2135195.article>

Stansted Airport donates 20 tonnes of food to local foodbank

Your Harlow – 29/04/2026

<https://www.yourharlow.com/2026/04/29/stansted-airport-donates-20-tonnes-of-food-to-local-foodbank/>

Members of Industry Parliament Trust visit Stansted Airport

Saffron Walden Reporter – 27/04/2026

<https://www.saffronwaldenreporter.co.uk/news/26057682.members-industry-parliament-trust-visit-stansted-airport/>

Newcastle

easyJet adds routes to Krakow, Fuerteventura and Reykjavik from Newcastle

Routes Online – 24/04/2026

<https://www.routesonline.com/airports/8267/newcastle-international-airport/news/299666229/easyjet-adds-routes-to-krakow-fuerteventura-and-reykjavik-from-newcastle/>

Southampton

easyJet launches new Paris route from Southampton Airport

Salisbury Journal – 28/04/2026

<https://www.salisburyjournal.co.uk/news/26051648.easyjet-launches-new-paris-route-southampton-airport/>