



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

Consumer travel advice – Summer 2026

CAA – 01/05/2026

<https://www.caa.co.uk/newsroom/news/consumer-travel-advice-summer-2026/>

Nearly £50 million government backing to power up drone and flying taxi tech and crack down on illegal drones: Funding will help develop a numberplate ID system for drones, helping police better protect UK skies and prosecute illegal users

DfT and CAA – 05/05/2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/nearly-50-million-government-backing-to-power-up-drone-and-flying-taxi-tech-and-crack-down-on-illegal-drones>

[Why European air traffic collaboration matters](#)

NATS blog – 06/05/2026

GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES

Planes, grains and healthy mains: Tossed makes its airport debut at London

Gatwick

30/04/2026

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/planes-grains-and-healthy-mains-tossed-makes-its-airport-debut-at-london-gatwick-842d2-40f32.html>

London Gatwick secures long-term boost for freight growth across the South East

06/05/2026

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-secures-long-term-boost-for-freight-growth-across-the-south-east-72845-40f32.html>

General Headlines

Are UK summer holidays at risk? Flight data shows airlines are holding steady

Aerospace Global News – 06/05/2026

<https://aerospaceglobalnews.com/news/uk-flight-cuts-summer-schedules/>

Government reveals plan to stop flight cancellations amid airline fuel shortage

Metro – 03/05/2026

<https://metro.co.uk/2026/05/03/government-reveals-plan-stop-flight-cancellations-amid-airline-fuel-shortage-28216657/>

What Ryanair, easyJet, Jet2 and other airlines have said about summer fuel shortages

Daily Record – 06/05/2026

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/lifestyle/travel/what-ryanair-easyjet-jet2-airlines-37113057>

Sky-High Airfares Become 'New Normal' As Jet Fuel Crisis Reshapes Travel

IB Times – 01/05/2026

<https://www.ibtimes.co.uk/rising-fuel-costs-geopolitical-tensions-travel-1794656>

UK airport ranking for flight delays is revealed

CILT – 05/05/2026

<https://ciltuk.org.uk/news/uk-airport-ranking-for-flight-delays-is-revealed/>

Passenger news

Which? seeks 'cast-iron assurances' over jet fuel contingency proposals

Travel Weekly – 03/05/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/which-seeks-cast-iron-assurances-over-jet-fuel-contingency-proposals>

Industry news

Air travel demand continues to grow, despite warnings of fuel rationing

Travel Gossip – 30/04/2026

<https://travelgossip.co.uk/latestnews/air-travel-demand-continues-to-grow-despite-warnings-of-fuel-rationing/>

ABTA and Future Travel Coalition survey members on EES and Middle East

Travel Weekly – 06/05/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/abta-and-future-travel-coalition-survey-members-on-ees-and-middle-east>

Environmental news

UK aviation regulator outlines environmental disclosure framework for airlines

Osborne Clarke – 29/04/2026

<https://www.osborneclarke.com/insights/uk-aviation-regulator-outlines-environmental-disclosure-framework-airlines>

Europe's aviation industry fights to stay ahead in a decarbonizing world

The Parliament – 04/05/2026

<https://www.theparliamentmagazine.eu/news/article/europes-aviation-industry-fights-to-stay-ahead-in-a-decarbonizing-world>

EasyJet claims 'milestone' in testing hydrogen-powered aircraft engine

Travel Weekly – 30/04/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/easyjet-claims-milestone-in-testing-hydrogen-powered-aircraft-engine>

OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Birmingham

Anger as couple using Birmingham Airport meet & greet parking service charged £100 penalty

Birmingham Live – 04/05/2026

<https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/anger-couple-using-birmingham-airport-33874398>

Bristol

How expanding to 15 million passengers will transform Bristol Airport

Somerset Live – 05/05/2026

<https://www.somersetlive.co.uk/news/local-news/how-expanding-15-million-passengers-10943964>

Bristol Airport expansion opponents launch fundraising appeal for legal challenge

Aberdare Online – 06/05/2026

<https://www.aberdareonline.co.uk/2026/05/06/bristol-airport-expansion-opponents-launch-fundraising-appeal-for-legal-challenge/>

East Midlands

97% of East Midlands Airport customers rate it good to excellent

East Midlands Airport – 06/05/2026

<https://mediacentre.eastmidlandsairport.com/97-of-east-midlands-airport-customers-rate-it-good-to-excellent/>

Edinburgh

Edinburgh Airport ranked the worst in Scotland for flight delays

The Scotsman – 05/05/2026

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/uk-news/edinburgh-airport-ranked-the-worst-in-scotland-for-flight-delays-8492979>

Exeter

Exeter Airport booms thanks to new flights to top destinations

Devon Live – 03/05/2026

<https://www.devonlive.com/whats-on/whats-on-news/exeter-airport-booms-thanks-new-10941421>

Glasgow

Strike action threat emerges at Glasgow Airport as ICTS security workers ballot over pay ahead of busy summer travel and major sporting events

International Airport Review – 30/05/2026

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/glasgow-airport-security-staff-balloted-for-summer-strike-action/2135352.article>

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Glasgow Airport pick-up and drop-off fees branded a 'rip-off' as profits soar

Glasgow Live – 03/05/2026

<https://www.glasgowlive.co.uk/news/glasgow-news/glasgow-airport-pick-up-drop-33879961>

Inverness

Inverness Airport staffing issues could affect flights 'for weeks'

BBC News – 05/05/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cwy275rldr7o>

Leeds Bradford

Leeds Bradford Airport most at risk of closure due to fuel prices, according to study

Your Harrogate – 01/05/2026

<https://www.yourharrogate.co.uk/local-news/harrogate/leeds-bradford-airport-most-at-risk-of-closure-due-to-fuel-prices-according-to-study/>

The people v Leeds Bradford Airport – a new chapter begins: Night flights ruled illegal by a public enquiry continue to operate but Leeds City Council could now take action to restore control

Yorkshire Bylines – 30/04/2026

<https://yorkshirebylines.co.uk/region/the-people-v-leeds-bradford-airport-a-new-chapter-begins/>

Leeds Bradford Airport puts best foot forward charity run

Ilkley Gazette – 05/05/2026

<https://www.ilkleygazette.co.uk/news/26078694.leeds-bradford-airport-puts-best-foot-forward-charity-run/>

Liverpool

Liverpool Airport named most punctual in the UK

Click Liverpool – 05/05/2026

<https://www.clickliverpool.com/business/65197-liverpool-airport-named-uk-most-punctual/>

Liverpool John Lennon Airport expands CCTV monitoring capabilities following successful automated assurance trial

International Airport Review – 06/05/2026

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/liverpool-airport-strengthens-cctv-monitoring-with-proactive-maintenance-rollout/2135383.article>

London Heathrow

Heathrow neighbours facing years of uncertainty, new research shows

Hillingdon and Uxbridge Times – 05/05/2026

<https://www.hillingdontimes.co.uk/news/26080846.heathrow-neighbours-facing-years-uncertainty-new-research-shows/>

Plan B revival looms as Heathrow seeks new path: Expensive and disruptive third runway proposal could be sent back to the drawing board

The National News – 05/05/2026

<https://www.thenationalnews.com/news/uk/2026/05/05/plan-b-revival-looms-as-heathrow-seeks-new-path/>

Spooked investors could ground Heathrow's third runway: Foreign stakeholders appear to be getting cold feet as the Iran war drives costs ever higher. The future of the troubled £49bn project looks precarious if there's a reshuffle at No 11

The Observer – 03/05/2026

<https://observer.co.uk/news/opinion-and-ideas/article/spooked-investors-could-ground-heathrows-third-runway>

Heathrow denies CIC stake sale over expansion costs

Air Cargo Week – 06/05/2026

<https://aircargoweek.com/heathrow-denies-cic-stake-sale-over-expansion-costs/>

Heathrow expansion to 'open doors' for firms

BBC – 03/05/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/clyp2e7e9dzo>

Heathrow Airport revenue up but outlook uncertain in Q1 update

TR Business – 05/05/2026

<https://www.trbusiness.com/regional-news/europe/heathrow-airport-revenue-up-but-outlook-uncertain-in-q1-update/278322>

Sadiq Khan says future of Heathrow Express should be 'reconsidered' due to Elizabeth line success: A joint report from Sadiq Khan and Transport for London has called on the government to decide whether the current Heathrow Express is the best use of "valuable" train paths into Paddington

My London – 01/05/2026

<https://www.mylondon.news/news/transport/sadiq-khan-says-future-heathrow-33875013>

British Airways faces hefty compensation bill after refuelling mishap at London Heathrow causes flight cancellation

The Standard – 04/05/2026

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/british-airways-faces-compensation-refuelling-mishap-heathrow-b1280992.html>

London Luton

London Luton Airport becomes first UK airport to achieve Level 4 customer experience accreditation recognising service quality accessibility and passenger satisfaction improvements

International Airport Review – 06/05/2026

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/london-luton-airport-achieves-major-customer-experience-accreditation-milestone/2135388.article>

Runway asphalt gets recycled in village car park

BBC – 01/05/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c4g0ll33312o>

London Stansted

Police seize two vehicles and report 28 drivers in taxi checks at Stansted Airport

Bishop's Stortford Independent – 06/05/2026

<https://www.bishopstortfordindependent.co.uk/news/police-seize-two-vehicles-and-report-28-drivers-during-safet-9464724/>

Manchester

The UK airport named the worst for flight delays for the fourth year in a row

Independent – 05/05/2026

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/manchester-airport-flight-delays-b2970725.html>

Manchester Airport gets two first-ever routes to lush Greek island and Africa's largest country

Metro – 05/05/2026

<https://metro.co.uk/2026/05/05/manchester-airport-gets-two-first-ever-routes-lush-greek-island-africas-largest-country-28229935/>



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Newcastle

Newcastle Airport Net Zero figures 'ignore flight' pollution

The Northern Echo – 04/05/2026

<https://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/26077009.newcastle-airport-net-zero-figures-ignore-flight-pollution/>

Airport plants more than 16,000 trees near Corbridge

Hexham Courant – 03/05/2026

<https://www.hexham-courant.co.uk/news/26072496.airport-plants-16-000-trees-near-corbridge/>