



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

CAA consultation: CAP3251: Heathrow capacity expansion – consultation on a shortlist of regulatory models

Closing date: 15/06/2026

<https://www.caa.co.uk/data-and-publications/publications/documents/content/cap3251/>

PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

Risk expert's book offers solutions to secure aviation safety and the industry's future

University of Leicester – 28/05/2026

<https://le.ac.uk/news/2026/may/risk-expert-book-aviation-safety-industry-future>

How can airports close the drone defence gap before disruption becomes the new normal

International Airport Review – 15/05/2026

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/digital-and-automation/how-can-airports-close-the-drone-defence-gap-before-disruption-becomes-the-new-normal/2135207.article>

GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES

Gatwick Airport Limited supports journey to net zero with new Wildlife Trust partnerships

27/05/2026

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/gatwick-airport-limited-supports-journey-to-net-zero-with-new-wildlife-trust-partnerships-ebcd4-40f32.html>

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GATWICK AIRPORT PRESS

The art deco airport terminal 'designed by accident'

BBC – 24/05/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cwy2nrj7jnko>

Boy with Tourette's refused flight for bomb remark

BBC News 26/05/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cg5pp4gjejgo>

Jobless to be offered 'guaranteed interview' as Gatwick Airport and McDonalds join government work placement scheme

LBC – 29/05/2026

https://www.lbc.co.uk/article/jobless-guaranteed-interview-gatwick-airport-government-work-placement-scheme-5HjdZrd_2/

General Headlines

EasyJet boss urges EU airports to ease 'unacceptable' passport queues

Travel Weekly – 22/05/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/easyjet-boss-urges-eu-airports-to-ease-unacceptable-passport-queues>

British Airways Boarding Refusal Sparks Debate Over Tourette's Syndrome, Disability Rights, and Aviation Security

Travel and Tour World – 26/05/2026

<https://www.travelandtourworld.com/news/article/exuo7yjcdfs/>

Passenger news

easyJet boss promises holidaymakers lower fares could return as fuel prices improve

Daily Record – 24/05/2026

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/lifestyle/easyjet-boss-promises-holidaymakers-lower-37199096>

Your nominations for Europe's worst airport

Independent – 26/05/2026

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/europe-worst-airport-paris-cdg-munich-heathrow-b2979655.html>

Industry news

UK air passenger numbers hit record first-quarter high

Travel Gossip – 27/05/2026

<https://travelgossip.co.uk/latestnews/uk-air-passenger-numbers-hit-record-first-quarter-high/>

AirportsUK comments on government’s slot alleviation proposals

AirportsUK – 21/05/2026

<https://airportsuk.org/airportsuk-comments-on-governments-slot-alleviation-proposals/>

Environmental news

Which of your climate actions make the biggest difference? Here’s how to find out

The Conversation – 27/05/2026

<https://theconversation.com/which-of-your-climate-actions-make-the-biggest-difference-heres-how-to-find-out-280636>

Neste Joins Sustainable Aviation as A New Member

Sustainable Aviation 26/05/2026

<https://www.sustainableaviation.co.uk/news/neste-joins-sustainable-aviation-as-a-new-member/>

OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Aberdeen

Aberdeen Airport bolsters efforts against disruptive passengers before busy summer

Rayo – 28/05/2026

<https://www.hellorayo.co.uk/greatest-hits/aberdeen/news/aberdeen-airport-strengthens-efforts-against-disruptive-passengers>

Figures reveal how Aberdeen Airport was plagued by flight cancellations last year

Press & Journal – 27/05/2026

<https://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/fp/news/7027666/figures-reveal-aberdeen-airport-flight-cancellations/>

Belfast International

Has Belfast International Airport really gone from grim embarrassment to gateway we can be proud of?

Belfast Telegraph – 23/05/2026

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/comment/opinion/has-belfast-international-airport-really-gone-from-grim-embarrassment-to-gateway-we-can-be-proud-of/a/152617665.html>

Birmingham

BHX: How surface access strategy underpins capital investment and long-term airport resilience

New Civil Engineer – 28/05/2026

<https://www.newcivilengineer.com/latest/bhx-how-surface-access-strategy-underpins-capital-investment-and-long-term-airport-resilience-28-05-2026/>

Bristol

Airport's Expansion Plans 'Show No Consideration' To Residents

B24/7 – 20/05/2026

<https://www.bristol247.com/news-and-features/news/airports-expansion-plans-show-no-consideration-to-residents/>

Unauthorised car parks near Bristol Airport make villages 'unliveable,' say residents

ITV – 28/05/2026

<https://www.itv.com/news/westcountry/2026-05-28/unauthorised-airport-car-parks-make-villages-unliveable-say-residents>

East Midlands

Trent Bridge and East Midlands Airport partner on regional growth

East Midlands Business Link – 27/05/2026

<https://www.eastmidlandsbusinesslink.co.uk/mag/featured/trent-bridge-and-east-midlands-airport-partner-on-regional-growth/>

Airport evacuated over checked-in luggage concern

BBC – 26/05/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cpwppjekld9o>

Edinburgh

Edinburgh Airport second highest drop-off charges in the UK

Midlothian View – 28/05/2026

<https://www.midlothianview.com/news/edinburgh-airport-second-highest-drop-off-charges-in-the-uk>

Glasgow

Glasgow Airport among busiest in UK as passenger numbers soar

Glasgow Times – 27/05/2026

<https://www.glasgowtimes.co.uk/news/26143671.glasgow-airport-among-busiest-uk-passenger-numbers-soar/>

Thousands of passengers delayed or diverted after Glasgow airport closes runway

Independent – 26/05/2026

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/passengers-stranded-diverted-glasgow-airport-closed-runway-b2983862.html>

Glasgow Prestwick

Spike in US flights from Prestwick shows need for ban, say Greens

The National – 27/05/2026

<https://www.thenational.scot/news/26144016.spike-us-flights-prestwick-shows-need-ban-say-greens/>

Glasgow Prestwick Airport Launches Scheduled Shanghai Cargo Service

Multi Modal – 28/05/2026

<https://www.multimodal.org.uk/article/glasgow-prestwick-airport-launches-scheduled-shanghai-cargo-service>

Inverness

Inverness Airport posts seven per cent increase in Highland passenger numbers amid record total for Scotland's airports as a whole

The Inverness Courier – 27/05/2026

<https://www.inverness-courier.co.uk/news/growing-passenger-numbers-at-inverness-airport-amid-record-t-436059/>

Leeds Bradford

Leeds Bradford Airport warns travellers over rogue parking operators

Yorkshire Post – 22/05/2026

<https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/transport/leeds-bradford-airport-warns-travellers-over-rogue-parking-operators-8624436>

Liverpool

Flight diverted to Manchester Airport as Liverpool runway shuts amid incident

Manchester Evening News – 24/05/2026

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/flight-diverted-manchester-airport-liverpool-34005278>

London City

London City Airport expands leisure offering with new route

Regional Gateway – 27/05/2026

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/london-city-airport-expands-leisure-offering-with-new-route/>

London Heathrow

Heathrow Airport's Third Runway Planning Application To Cost Up To £800 Million

Construction Review – 26/05/2026

<https://constructionreviewonline.com/heathrow-airports-third-runway-to-cost-up-to-800-million/>

Heathrow and Netcompany: A Masterclass in Demand Forecasting

Procurement Magazine – 28/05/2026

<https://procurementmag.com/news/heathrow-and-netcompany-a-masterclass-in-demand-forecasting>

Heathrow Airport black cab 'local fares' system questioned by customer after rank experience

Taxi Point – 26/05/2026

<https://www.taxi-point.co.uk/post/heathrow-airport-black-cab-local-fares-system-questioned-by-customer-after-rank-experience>

Advancing data-driven decarbonization to cut aviation emissions at Heathrow Airport

Jacobs – 22/05/2026

<https://www.jacobs.com/projects/heathrow-macc-tool>

17 of the best hotels at London Heathrow airport

The Times – 21/05/2026

<https://www.thetimes.com/travel/destinations/uk-travel/england/london-travel/best-hotels-at-london-heathrow-airport-dh6pvrt97>

A giant poem written in honour of London Heathrow's 80th birthday has been painted onto a field next to the airport – but it can only be seen from the sky

Secret London – 28/05/2026

<https://secretldn.com/heathrow-airport-80th-birthday-poem/>

London Luton

London Luton Airport expansion finally cleared for take-off?

TLT – 21/05/2026

<https://www.tlt.com/insights-and-events/insight/london-luton-airport-expansion-finally-cleared-for-take-off>

New London Luton Airport logistics hub lands jobs for local people

Airport Suppliers – 28/05/2026

https://www.airport-suppliers.com/airport_press_release/new-london-luton-airport-logistics-hub-lands-jobs-for-local-people/

Luton Airport gains Kuwait air link

Travel Weekly – 26/05/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/luton-airport-gains-kuwait-air-link>

London Stansted

Stansted Airport delivers £80,000 for community groups

Saffron Walden Reporter – 21/05/2026

<https://www.saffronwaldenreporter.co.uk/news/26129419.stansted-airport-delivers-80-000-community-groups/?ref=rss>



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Manchester

Manchester Airport transformation: enhancing airport experience

Arcadis – 22/05/2026

<https://www.arcadis.com/en/projects/europe/united-kingdom/manchester-airport-transformation-programme/>

Southampton

New Aer Lingus flight connecting Southampton airport to USA

Andover Advertiser – 27/05/2026

<https://www.andoveradvertiser.co.uk/news/26143089.new-aer-lingus-flight-connecting-southampton-airport-usa/>