

# GATCOM WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

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## CURRENT NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

**New DfT call for evidence: SAF Mandate: SAF supply and industry certainty in an evolving market**

**Closing date: 28/07/2026**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/calls-for-evidence/saf-mandate-saf-supply-and-industry-certainty-in-an-evolving-market>

## PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

**£219 million to power Britain's green aviation revolution**

DfT – 16/06/2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/219-million-to-power-britains-green-aviation-revolution>

**CAP 3013: Aircraft movements, fleet mix and noise quota usage at Gatwick, Heathrow and Stansted**

<https://www.caa.co.uk/publication/download/28958>

**DfT Future of Flight Newsletter**

<https://mailchi.mp/caa/uk-future-of-flight-industry-update-june-16868243?e=04771e7b05>

**Modernising legacy baggage handling systems and improving resilience**

International Airport Review – 08/06/2026

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/modernising-legacy-baggage-handling-systems-and-improving-resilience/2135593.article>

**[When football meets the flight plan: how UK air traffic control manages flights during major tournaments](#)**

NATS blog – 12/06/2026

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### GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES

**New daily flights to Istanbul from London Gatwick launch with Pegasus Airlines this summer.**

16/06/2026

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/new-daily-flights-to-istanbul-from-london-gatwick-launch-with-pegasus-airlines-this-summer-2c983-40f32.html>

**Overnight public transport boost for London Gatwick passengers ahead of summer getaway season**

17/06/2026

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/overnight-public-transport-boost-for-london-gatwick-passengers-ahead-of-summer-getaway-season-5bb31-40f32.html>

### GATWICK AIRPORT PRESS

**Anti-airport expansion campaigners seek creation of independent aviation ombudsman**

Travel Weekly – 15/06/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/anti-airport-expansion-campaigners-seek-creation-of-independent-aviation-ombudsman>

**Gatwick picks 11 firms to drive £2bn airport upgrade**

Construction Enquirer – 11/06/2026

<https://www.constructionenquirer.com/2026/06/11/gatwick-names-11-firms-to-drive-2bn-airport-upgrade/>

**Airport parking firm 'left holidaymakers stranded'**

BBC – 17/06/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cx26g25g3dlo>

### General Headlines

**Many More People Bothered By Aircraft Noise Than Previously Thought**

AEF – 11/06/2026

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2026/06/11/many-more-people-bothered-by-aircraft-noise-than-previously-thought/>

## **The Best (And 'Worst') UK Airports Of 2026**

Huffington Post – 16/06/2026

[https://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/best-worst-uk-airports-2026\\_uk\\_6a29707ee4b0a99062fab245?origin=top-ad-recirc](https://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/best-worst-uk-airports-2026_uk_6a29707ee4b0a99062fab245?origin=top-ad-recirc)

## **Wizz Air 'reviewing UK capacity' over increases in APD**

Travel Weekly – 12/06/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/wizz-air-reviewing-uk-capacity-over-increases-in-apd>

## **Qantas to launch 'historic' non-stop London-Sydney flights in 2027**

Travel Weekly – 17/06/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/qantas-to-launch-historic-non-stop-london-sydney-flights-in-2027>

### **Passenger news**

## **How new EU airline rules will benefit UK passengers on luggage and seating charges**

iNews – 17/06/2026

<https://inews.co.uk/inews-lifestyle/travel/new-eu-airline-rules-benefit-uk-passengers-4482123?ITO=newsnow>

## **IATA condemns European passenger rights revision as 'missed opportunity'**

Travel Weekly – 16/06/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/iata-condemns-european-passenger-rights-revision-as-missed-opportunity>

### **Industry news**

## **Secretary of State's letter to CAA Chair: Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) Priorities For 2026/27**

<https://www.caa.co.uk/media/hxsdpe1b/cap3241-secretary-of-state-priorities-letter-final.pdf>

### **Environmental news**

## **Government creates new fund to support UK production of green aviation fuel**

Travel Weekly – 16/06/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/government-creates-new-fund-to-support-uk-production-of-green-aviation-fuel>

## **Sustainable Aviation Response To DfT SAF Funding And Call For Evidence**

Sustainable Aviation – 16/06/2026

<https://www.sustainableaviation.co.uk/news/sustainable-aviation-response-to-dft-announcement/>

### **OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS**

#### **Aberdeen**

##### **Aberdeen airport workers secure pay deals after strike threat**

Unite – 12/06/2026

<https://www.unitetheunion.org/news-events/news/2026/june/aberdeen-airport-workers-secure-pay-deals-after-strike-threat>

#### **Belfast International**

##### **WHSmith opens one-stop shop at Belfast International Airport**

TR Business – 17/06/2026

<https://www.trbusiness.com/regional-news/europe/whsmith-opens-one-stop-shop-at-belfast-international-airport/279927>

#### **Birmingham**

##### **Birmingham Airport records strongest ever May as growth and investment continue to deliver for the Midlands**

Routes Online – 17/06/2026

<https://www.routesonline.com/airports/2368/birmingham-airport-uk/news/299666442/birmingham-airport-records-strongest-ever-may-as-growth-and-investment-continue-to-deliver-for-the-midlands/>

##### **New direct flights to Cairo set to launch from Birmingham Airport**

Birmingham Airport – 17/06/2026

<https://www.birminghamairport.co.uk/latest-news/new-direct-flights-to-cairo-set-to-launch-from-birmingham-airport/>

### Bristol

#### Ryanair's Bristol passenger numbers soar ahead of new summer destination launch

The Business Desk – 17/06/2026

<https://www.thebusinessdesk.com/south-west/news/42089-ryanairs-bristol-passenger-numbers-soar-as-it-launches-more-destinations>

### Edinburgh

#### Edinburgh Airport disruption: 'No way to treat paying passengers and a terrible welcome to Scotland'

The Scotsman – 10/06/2026

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/transport/edinburgh-airport-disruption-no-way-to-treat-paying-passengers-and-a-terrible-welcome-to-scotland-8668222>

#### Edinburgh Airport strike action cancelled after pay deal secured

Travel Weekly – 15/06/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/edinburgh-airport-strike-action-cancelled-after-pay-deal-secured>

### Glasgow

#### Summer airport strike threat lifted after pay deals struck

The Scotsman – 15/06/2026

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/summer-airport-strike-threat-lifted-after-pay-deals-struck-8719091>

### Glasgow Prestwick

#### Wage win for Prestwick Airport workers averts strike action threat

Unite – 16/06/2026

<https://www.unitetheunion.org/news-events/news/2026/june/wage-win-for-prestwick-airport-workers-averts-strike-action-threat>

### Inverness

#### Inverness Airport air traffic training costs surge 1000% amid staffing issues

Forres Gazette – 11/06/2026

<https://www.forres-gazette.co.uk/news/inverness-airport-air-traffic-training-costs-surge-1000-amid-437403/>

## London Heathrow

### Could Renationalising Heathrow be the Answer to Third Runway Plans?

Business Traveller – 16/06/2026

<https://www.businesstraveller.com/news/could-renationalising-heathrow-be-the-answer-to-third-runway-plans/>

### Heathrow ticket fares to increase following third runway bid

CILT – 16/06/2026

<https://ciltuk.org.uk/news/heathrow-ticket-fares-to-increase-following-third-runway-bid/>

### Heathrow slams regulator plans to ‘take UK backwards’ by slashing investment

City AM – 11/06/2026

<https://www.cityam.com/heathrow-slams-regulator-plans-to-take-uk-backwards-by-slashing-investment/>

### We can make Heathrow the world's greatest airport by rethinking the runway plan, explains hotel tycoon Surinder Arora

This is London – 16/06/2026

<https://www.thisismoney.co.uk/money/markets/article-15904129/We-make-Heathrow-worlds-greatest-airport-rethinking-runway-plan-explains-hotel-tycoon-Surinder-Arora.html>

### A Shorter Third Runway at Heathrow: Why Compromise is Better Than None

Streamline – 11/06/2026

<https://streamlinefeed.co.ke/news/shorter-third-runway-at-heathrow-why-compromise-is-better-than-none>

### Middle East slump causes fall in London Heathrow’s traffic

Business Travel News Europe – 15/06/2026

<https://www.businesstravelnewseurope.com/Air-Travel/Middle-East-slump-causes-fall-in-London-Heathrow-s-traffic>

### Qantas selects London-Heathrow for A350-1000ULR Project Sunrise launch

AeroTime – 17/06/2026

<https://www.aerotime.aero/articles/qantas-selects-london-heathrow-for-a350-1000ulr-project-sunrise-launch>

## London Luton

### EasyJet flight took off from wrong runway point

BBC – 12/06/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/czj8dyp04x9o>

### **Upgrade elevates Luton Airport Express service**

Luton Today – 16/06/2026

<https://www.lutontoday.co.uk/your-world/upgrade-elevates-luton-airport-express-service-8743553>

### **London Southend**

#### **Southend Airport passenger numbers more than triple during first three months of 2026**

Rayo – 13/06/2026

<https://www.hellorayo.co.uk/greatest-hits/essex/news/southend-airport-passenger-numbers-more-than-triple-during-first-three-months-of-2026>

### **London Stansted**

#### **Stansted Airport records busiest ever May amid new routes**

Brentwood Live – 12/06/2026

<https://www.brentwoodlive.co.uk/news/26188727.stansted-airport-records-busiest-ever-may-amid-new-routes/>

### **Manchester**

#### **Air France marks 80 years of Manchester flights**

Travel Weekly – 17/06/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air-france-marks-80-years-of-manchester-flights>

### **Southampton**

#### **Hampshire Air Ambulance opens new base at Southampton Airport following £3.6m fundraiser**

Insider Media – 12/06/2026

<https://www.insidermedia.com/news/south-east/hampshire-air-ambulance-opens-new-base-at-southampton-airport-following-3.6m-fundraise>