

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

DfT consultation: Draft Heathrow Expansion National Policy Statement proposed amendments

Closing Date: 01/09/2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/draft-heathrow-expansion-national-policy-statement-proposed-amendments>

CAA consultation: Economic Regulation of Heathrow Airport Limited: setting a holding price cap for 2027. This statutory consultation sets out our proposal on a holding price cap for 2027, the first year of the H8 price control

Closing date: 28/07/2026

<https://chatgpt.com/c/6a451220-8770-83eb-8823-bb753c5ac893>

CAA consultation: Consultation on Amendments to UK Reg (EU)139/2014 and CAP 168 - - the CAA proposes regulatory enhancements to strengthen safety, improve operational resilience and ensure greater clarity regarding aerodrome obligations in diversion scenarios.

Closing date: 21/09/2026

<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/airworthiness-policy-team/consultation-on-amendments-a/>

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

Government Publishes Long-Awaited Planning Framework For Proposed Heathrow Expansion On Clean Air Day – But Communities And Campaigners Warn Of Serious Shortcoming

AEF – 19/06/2026

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2026/06/19/planning-framework-for-proposed-heathrow-expansions-shortcomings/>

“Clear And Irrefutable Evidence Of Harm”: AEF Policy Recommendations Following New Noise Research

AEF – 30/06/2026

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2026/06/30/new-noise-evidence-aef-policy-recommendations/>

UK aviation forecast 2026: 2026 forecasts for air passengers, aircraft movements and CO2 emissions for UK airports

DfT – 18/06/2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-aviation-forecast-2026>

CAP3096 Addendum - CAA review of Letters of Agreement that create non-compliant airspace design

CAA – 30/06/2026

https://www.caa.co.uk/data-and-publications/publications/documents/content/cap3096a/?mc_cid=a1017e4fcb&mc_eid=04771e7b05

Best Airport Award winners for 2026 announced

Regional Gateway – 24/06/2026

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/aci-europe-reveals-best-airport-award-winners-for-2026/>

The six billion dollar question as tech helps drive down mishandled bag rates by 23 per cent

Regional Gateway – 29/06/2026

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/the-six-billion-dollar-question-as-tech-drives-down-mishandled-bag-rates-by-23/>

GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES

London Gatwick strengthens China connectivity with Qingdao service from Beijing Capital Airlines

26/06/2026

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-strengthens-china-connectivity-with-qingdao-service-from-beijing-capital-airlines-22963-40f32.html>

London Gatwick is putting South East wineries on the map this English Wine Week

25/06/2026

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-is-putting-south-east-wineries-on-the-map-this-english-wine-week-8db4c-40f32.html>

GATWICK AIRPORT PRESS

Campaigners ask to appeal Gatwick expansion decision

BBC – 30/06/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c5yzygre5pzno>

High Court judge rejects Gatwick bid to block new runway slot rules

Travel Weekly – 22/06/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/high-court-judge-rejects-gatwick-bid-to-block-new-runway-slot-rules>

General Headlines

Transport body challenges Heathrow-First approach to UK airport expansion

CILT – 23/06/2026

<https://ciltuk.org.uk/news/transport-body-challenges-heathrow-first-approach-to-uk-airport-expansion/>

Airlines and airports urge urgent rethink of EU border system amid summer disruption in open letter to European Commission

International Airport Review – 01/07/2026

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/airlines-and-airports-urge-urgent-rethink-of-eu-border-system-amid-summer-disruption/2135840.article>

EU reputation 'at risk' from entry-exit system, says aviation expert

Independent – 30/06/2026

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/eu-entry-exit-system-airports-disaster-olivier-jankovec-b3005150.html>

Warning of higher airfares as airlines contend with inflated Iran war-related fuel prices

Travel Weekly – 30/06/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/warning-of-higher-airfares-as-airlines-contend-with-inflated-iran-war-related-fuel-prices>

Power banks and vapes are now the biggest safety threat to aircraft, says aviation authority

Independent – 26/06/2026

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/power-banks-vapes-flight-safety-fire-cao-b3003648.html>

European airports recognised for innovation, sustainability and passenger experience excellence

International Airport Review – 24/06/2026

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/european-airports-recognised-for-innovation-sustainability-and-passenger-experience-excellence/2135801.article>

Passenger news

'Reluctant' Ryanair will not charge parents to sit next to children on flights

ITV – 25/06/2026

<https://www.itv.com/news/2026-06-25/reluctant-ryanair-will-not-charge-parents-to-sit-next-to-children-on-flights>

Guest article: Why airport restrooms deserve a place in the passenger experience strategy

Regional Gateway – 25/06/2026

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/guest-article-why-airport-restrooms-deserve-a-place-in-the-passenger-experience-strategy/>

World's biggest airport to open after £23.5billion project — robot staff and 'no queues'

The Mirror – 29/06/2026

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/travel/worlds-biggest-airport-open-after-37362988>

Industry news

Punctuality stays high as air traffic grows into summer

NATS – 18/06/2026

<https://www.nats.aero/news/punctuality-stays-high-as-air-traffic-grows-into-summer/>

Environmental news

Considerable Risks Remain To The Government’s Plan To Reduce Emissions From Aviation: CCC Warns Progress To Achieving Carbon Budgets Is Under Strain

AEF – 24/06/2026

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2026/06/24/ccc-warns-progress-to-achieving-carbon-budgets-is-under-strain/>

IATA alliance reaches 50 members to support aviation carbon markets

International Airport Review – 24/06/2026

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/iata-alliance-reaches-50-members-to-support-aviation-carbon-markets/2135802.article>

OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Aberdeen

Senior Glasgow and Aberdeen airport executive to chair CBI Scotland group

The Scotsman – 01/07/2026

<https://www.scotsman.com/business/senior-glasgow-and-aberdeen-airport-executive-to-chair-cbi-scotland-group-8769817>

£70,000 for Scottish charities raised in Aberdeen Airport run

Deadline – 25/06/2026

<https://www.deadlinenews.co.uk/2026/06/25/70000-for-scottish-charities-raised-in-aberdeen-airport-run/>

Belfast City

Belfast City Airport calls for action on Northern Ireland connectivity

Travel Weekly – 22/06/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/belfast-city-airport-calls-for-action-on-northern-ireland-connectivity>

High Flyers apprentices graduate at Belfast City Airport

Regional Gateway – 29/06/2026

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/five-apprentices-complete-high-flyers-programme-at-belfast-city-airport/>

Birmingham

BHX reports further reductions in carbon emissions as passenger numbers grow

Birmingham Airport – 01/07/2026

<https://www.birminghamairport.co.uk/latest-news/bhx-reports-further-reductions-in-carbon-emissions-as-passenger-numbers-grow/>

Bristol

'A slap in the face': Heatwave sparks fresh fury over Bristol Airport expansion

Bristol Post – 28/06/2026

<https://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/bristol-news/a-slap-face-heatwave-sparks-11031111>

Bristol Airport unveils concept images for maintenance repair and overhaul hangar

International Airport Review – 30/06/2026

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/bristol-airport-unveils-concept-images-for-maintenance-repair-and-overhaul-hangar/2135833.article>

East Midlands

Security experience at East Midlands Airport is best in UK and in Europe's top 20

Derbyshire Times – 20/06/2026

<https://www.derbyshiretimes.co.uk/your-world/security-experience-at-east-midlands-airport-is-best-in-uk-and-in-europes-top-20-8750712>

'I booked airport meet and greet - my mileage went up 60 miles and dashcam history was deleted'

Sky – 29/06/2026

<https://news.sky.com/story/money-problem-i-booked-airport-meet-and-greet-my-mileage-went-up-60-miles-and-dashcam-history-was-deleted-13557365>

Farnborough

Farnborough Airport appeals over delayed application

Basingstoke Gazette – 28/06/2026

<https://www.basingstokegazette.co.uk/news/transport/26220738.farnborough-airport-appeals-delayed-application/>

Farnborough Airport Names Marine Eugène As New Group CEO

Corporate Jet Investor – 01/07/2026

<https://www.corporatejetinvestor.com/news/marine-eugene/>

Glasgow

Glasgow Airport passengers in for good news in 2026

Glasgow Live – 29/06/2026

<https://www.glasgowlive.co.uk/news/glasgow-news/glasgow-airport-passengers-good-news-34205343>

Eurowings returns to Glasgow after seven years

Travel Weekly – 30/06/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/euowings-returns-to-glasgow-after-seven-years>

Police launch summer drink driving operation at Glasgow Airport

Renfrewshire24 - -01/07/2026

<https://www.renfrewshire24.co.uk/2026/07/01/police-launch-summer-drink-driving-operation-at-glasgow-airport/>

Glasgow Prestwick

New CEO for Glasgow Prestwick Airport

Air Cargo News – 29/06/2026

<https://www.aircargonews.net/people/2026/06/new-ceo-for-glasgow-prestwick-airport/>

Liverpool

Liverpool Airport targets passengers outside city region

LBN Daily – 01/07/2026

<https://lbandaily.co.uk/amp/liverpool-airport-targets-passengers-outside-city-region/>

easyJet announces new route from Liverpool John Lennon Airport to Budapest

Liverpool Chamber – 30/06/2026

<https://www.liverpoolchamber.org.uk/news/2026/06/easyjet-announces-new-route-from-liverpool-john-lennon-airport-to-budapest/>

London City

London City Airport: Ready for more growth

Regional Gateway – 23/06/2026

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/london-city-airport-ready-for-more-growth/>

Warning plans to expand London City Airport will mean more noise and pollution for Newham residents

The Standard – 26/06/2026

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/london-city-airport-expansion-newham-b1287690.html>

Jonathan Rayner named as new CCO at London City Airport

Regional Gateway – 01/07/2026

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/london-city-airport-appoints-jonathan-rayner-as-chief-commercial-officer/>

London's best airport is opening its first ever luxury lounge

Time Out – 27/06/2026

<https://www.timeout.com/london/news/london-city-airport-first-luxury-lounge-062726>

London Heathrow

Heathrow expansion economic impact modelling

DfT – 30/06/2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/heathrow-expansion-economic-impact-modelling>

Heathrow refutes government forecast of economic expansion benefits

Travel Weekly – 22/06/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/heathrow-refutes-government-forecast-of-economic-expansion-benefits>

Heathrow's £33bn expansion is 'like a luxury Mercedes', says airline group boss

Financial Times – 28/06/2026

<https://www.ft.com/content/a84923f4-66cc-4713-9ae5-576390efbeac?syn-25a6b1a6=1>

Heathrow offers free therapy to residents over ‘incredibly difficult’ expansion plans

Independent – 30/06/2026

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/heathrow-airport-expansion-third-runway-therapy-b3005634.html>

Developers working on Heathrow's third runway could be forced to install 'green bridges' to protect wildlife

Daily Mail – 18/06/2026

<https://www.dailymail.com/news/article-15911619/Developers-working-Heathrows-runway-forced-install-green-bridges-protect-wildlife.html>

Iran war to dent passenger volumes, Heathrow warns

City AM – 26/06/2026

<https://www.cityam.com/iran-war-to-dent-passenger-volumes-heathrow-warns/>

London Southend

Southend Airport plane crash inquest hearing suspended

Echo – 30/06/2026

<https://www.echo-news.co.uk/news/26242225.southend-airport-plane-crash-inquest-hearing-suspended/>

easyJet announces two new routes from London Southend to Lyon and Sharm el-Sheikh

Breaking Travel News – 26/01/2026

<https://www.breakingtravelnews.com/news/article/easyjet-announces-two-new-routes-from-london-southend-to-lyon-and-sharm-el/>

London Stansted

Stansted Airport becoming temporary RAF military planes base

Colchester Gazette – 30/06/2026

<https://www.gazette-news.co.uk/news/26240429.stansted-airport-becoming-temporary-raf-military-planes-base/>

Stansted Airport Fund Awards Nearly £31,000 to Local Projects

Travel Wires – 30/06/2026

<https://www.travelwires.com/stansted-airport-fund-awards-nearly-31000-to-local-projects/>

Manchester

Manchester Airport has unveiled a new glass installation inside Terminal 2, transforming its original historic chandeliers – here’s where to find it

Secret Manchester – 29/06/2026

<https://secretmanchester.com/manchester-airport-terminal-2-art-installation-atmospheric-reflections-of-the-north-chandelier/>

Newcastle

Students see their careers take off with airport training scheme

Northumberland Gazette – 01/07/2026

<https://www.northumberlandgazette.co.uk/education/students-see-their-careers-take-off-with-airport-training-scheme-8771658>

easyJet launches five new routes from Newcastle Airport

Routes Online – 01/07/2026

<https://www.routesonline.com/airports/8267/newcastle-international-airport/news/299666530/easyjet-launches-five-new-routes-from-newcastle-airport/>

Teesside

Teesside Airport passenger numbers fail to take off

NorthEast Bylines – 25/06/2026

<https://northeastbylines.co.uk/region/teesside/teesside-airport-passenger-numbers-fail-to-take-off/>