

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

Sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) revenue certainty mechanism: contract allocation strategy

DfT Policy Paper – 13/07/2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sustainable-aviation-fuel-saf-revenue-certainty-mechanism-contract-allocation-strategy>

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GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES

London Gatwick launches new Airport Economic Zone (AEZ) interim strategic advisory board to support long-term economic growth across the region

10/07/2026

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-launches-new-airport-economic-zone-aez-interim-strategic-advisory-board-to-support-long-term-economic-growth-across-the-region-15021-40f32.html>

London Gatwick's ready for the summer holidays with more than 230 destinations and a record 63 airline partners

13/07/2026

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-s-ready-for-the-summer-holidays-with-more-than-230-destinations-and-a-record-63-airline-partners-31b8e-40f32.html>

London Gatwick builds on China network momentum with new Air China service to Chengdu

14/07/2026

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-builds-on-china-network-momentum-with-new-air-china-service-to-chengdu-5d841-40f32.html>

GATWICK AIRPORT PRESS

CAGNE clarifies basis of High Court appeal concerning proposed Gatwick expansion

Sussex World – 14/07/2026

<https://www.sussexexpress.co.uk/news/environment/cagne-clarifies-basis-of-high-court-appeal-concerning-proposed-gatwick-expansion-8798756>

Gatwick challenge to airport slot relief scheme fails to take flight

ICIG – 13/07/2026

<https://iclg.com/news/gatwick-challenge-to-airport-slot-relief-scheme-fails-to-take-flight/>

'We fell for a valet parking scam at Gatwick airport'

The Times – 14/07/2026

<https://www.thetimes.com/travel/advice/we-fell-for-a-valet-parking-scam-at-gatwick-airport-zlqxdj3dv>

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Blocked runway at Gatwick leads to nine simultaneous emergency squawks and 14 diversions

Flightradar24 - 15/07/2026

<https://www.flightradar24.com/blog/aviation-news/aviation-safety/gatwick-blocked-runway-nine-emergencies-14-diversions/>

Gatwick regains Africa service after 14-year absence

Travel Weekly – 10/07/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/gatwick-regains-africa-service-after-14-year-absence>

General Headlines

Transport Secretary engages with EU commissioner on EES border checks ahead of summer holidays: Government is working with the EU to ensure travel across the border is as seamless as possible in summer and through autumn

DfT – 14/07/2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/transport-secretary-engages-with-eu-commissioner-on-ees-border-checks-ahead-of-summer-holidays>

UK finalises 'historic' treaty with EU ahead of new Gibraltar border controls

Travel Weekly – 14/07/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/uk-finalises-historic-treaty-with-eu-ahead-of-new-gibraltar-border-controls>

UK-Switzerland agreement paves way for Britons to use Swiss e-gates

Travel Weekly – 14/07/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/uk-switzerland-agreement-paves-way-for-britons-to-use-swiss-e-gates>

'Out of control' airport drop-off fees slammed as vehicles being charged £1 a minute

The Mirror – 14/07/2026

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/airport-drop-off-gatwick-manchester-37426994>

Airline traffic forecast to more than double in 20 years

Travel Weekly – 09/07/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/airline-traffic-forecast-to-more-than-double-in-20-years>

Passenger news

The EU Just Approved New Rules For Air Travel: 13 Changes To Expect

Huffington Post – 13/07/2026

https://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/new-air-travel-rules-eu_uk_6a54f527e4b04a4b8d2e016d?origin=home-life-unit

The real reason airlines are tightening rules on power banks

Independent – 14/07/2026

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/power-bank-on-planes-flights-risk-b3014444.html>

Industry news

Weather makes its presence felt

NATS – 08/07/2026

<https://www.nats.aero/news/weather-makes-its-presence-felt/>

Environmental news

Why every mile matters in the race to net zero

NATS blog – 13/07/2026

<https://nats.aero/blog/2026/07/why-every-mile-matters-in-the-race-to-net-zero/>

OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Birmingham

Birmingham Airport reports further reductions in carbon emissions as passenger numbers grow

Greater Birmingham Chambers – 13/07/2026

<https://www.greaterbirminghamchambers.com/resource/birmingham-airport-reports-further-reductions-in-carbon-emissions-as-passenger-numbers-grow.html>

Celebrating 87 Years of Birmingham Airport

Routes Online – 13/07/2026

<https://www.routesonline.com/airports/2368/birmingham-airport-uk/news/299666609/celebrating-87-years-of-birmingham-airport/>

Bristol

Bristol Airport installs low-carbon energy centre to accelerate net zero transition

International Airport Review – 10/07/2026

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/bristol-airport-installs-low-carbon-energy-centre-to-accelerate-net-zero-transition/2135912.article>

Bristol Airport Partners With First Bus To Improve Sustainable Travel

UKInbound – 13/07/2026

<https://www.ukinbound.org/member-news/bristol-airport-partners-with-first-bus-to-improve-sustainable-travel/>

East Midlands

East Midlands Airport marks 60 years with strong performance

Regional Gateway – 10/07/2026

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/east-midlands-airports-60th-anniversary-highlights-strong-passenger-and-cargo-growth/>

Female passengers at East Midlands Airport encouraged to check for signs of breast cancer while on holiday

East Midlands Airport – 14/07/2026

<https://mediacentre.eastmidlandsairport.com/female-passengers-at-east-midlands-encouraged-to-check-for-signs-of-breast-cancer-while-on-holiday/>

Edinburgh

Edinburgh Airport Runway Van With Security Access Stolen By 15-Year-Old Joyrider

Simple Flying – 11/07/2026

<https://simpleflying.com/edinburgh-airport-runway-van-security-access-stolen/>

Farnborough

1 Week To Go: What To Expect From The 2026 Farnborough International Airshow

Simple Flying – 13/07/2026

<https://simpleflying.com/farnborough-airshow-2026-preview/>

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Glasgow

Glasgow Airport set for busy summer as passenger numbers rise more than 5%

Glasgow World – 14/07/2026

<https://www.glasgowworld.com/news/glasgow-airport-set-for-busy-summer-as-passenger-numbers-rise-more-than-5-8797497>

Glasgow Prestwick

Glasgow Prestwick posts seventh profitable year on cargo growth

Stat Times – 14/07/2026

<https://www.stattimes.com/air-cargo/glasgow-prestwick-posts-seventh-profitable-year-on-cargo-growth-1359871>

Leeds Bradford

Leeds Bradford Airport employees choose Charity of the Year

Ilkley Gazette – 09/07/2026

<https://www.ilkleygazette.co.uk/news/26266005.leeds-bradford-airport-employees-choose-charity-year/>

London City

How Anne Doyere is working to boost London City's limits

Flight Global – 13/07/2026

<https://www.flightglobal.com/flight-international/2026/07/how-anne-doyere-is-working-to-boost-london-citys-limits/>

London Heathrow

Transport Committee launches inquiry into draft Heathrow Expansion National Policy Statement

Parliament Committees – 24/06/2026

<https://committees.parliament.uk/committee/153/transport-committee/news/214491/transport-committee-launches-inquiry-into-draft-heathrow-expansion-national-policy-statement/>

London Labour MPs Hopeful Burnham Will Cancel Heathrow Expansion

Politics Home – 13/07/2026

<https://www.politicshome.com/news/article/london-labour-mps-hopeful-andy-burnham-cancel-heathrow-expansion>

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Heathrow Airport sees 1.8% fall in June passengers

BBC – 13/07/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c78y2kmg1y2o>

Heathrow on verge of losing title of Europe's busiest airport - Heathrow continues to operate its two runways at near-full capacity

The Standard – 10/07/2026

<https://www.standard.co.uk/business/business-news/heathrow-airport-numbers-busiest-europe-b1289488.html>

Heathrow Express pushes service as the 'trusted choice'

Decision Marketing – 14/07/2026

<https://www.decisionmarketing.co.uk/news/heathrow-express-pushes-service-as-the-trusted-choice>

Air France Opens Its New Lounge at London Heathrow Airport

Breaking Travel News – 13/07/2026

<https://www.breakingtravelnews.com/news/article/air-france-opens-its-new-lounge-at-london-heathrow-airport/>

London Luton

Passenger jet narrowly avoids disaster after clearing Luton runway at 13ft

The Standard – 09/07/2026

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/luton-airport-london-boeing-737-flight-b1289402.html>

Newcastle

What's On The Horizon For: Newcastle International Airport

Aviation Week – 10/07/2026

<https://aviationweek.com/air-transport/airports-networks/whats-horizon-newcastle-international-airport-1>

Newcastle Airport makes progress in net zero journey

The Northern Echo – 10/07/2026

<https://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/26263936.newcastle-airport-makes-progress-net-zero-journey/>

Newcastle Airport Net Zero criticised over flight emissions

Hexham Courant – 09/07/2026

<https://www.hexham-courant.co.uk/news/26256441.newcastle-airport-net-zero-progress-drop-ocean-say-critics/>



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Newcastle Airport welcomes first female firefighters in historic recruitment drive

Northumberland Gazette – 14/07/2026

<https://www.northumberlandgazette.co.uk/news/people/newcastle-airport-welcomes-first-female-firefighters-in-historic-recruitment-drive-8797710>