

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.

23 JULY 2026

CURRENT NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

New CAA consultation: Consultation on a Proposed Electronic Conspicuity Mandate in the UK

Closing date: 22/09/2026

<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/safety-and-airspace-regulation-group/ec-mandate/>

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>

GATCOM WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

A Strategic Vision for Transport to an Expanded Heathrow Airport

DfT – June 2026

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6a3393630bea238415c9a1d7/a-strategic-vision-for-transport-to-an-expanded-heathrow-airport.pdf>

Sustainable Aviation's 2026 Decarbonisation Road-Map: presents an updated, ambitious plan based on several scenario-based pathways to deliver net zero carbon emissions through a combination of technological innovation, operational improvements, low carbon aviation fuel and Greenhouse Gas Removals

Sustainable Aviation – 21/07/2026

<https://www.sustainableaviation.co.uk/publications-and-resources/our-publications/sustainable-aviation-decarbonisation-road-map-2026/>

ABTA launches new 'Accessible and assisted travel guide' for members

ABTA – 23/07/2026

<https://www.abta.com/news/abta-launches-new-accessible-and-assisted-travel-guide-members>

GATWICK AIRPORT PRESS

Summer at Gatwick Airport 'intense' as demand soars

BBC – 22/07/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cp8ex0kmyn5o>

The BBC goes behind the scenes at Gatwick as the summer getaway begins

BBC – 22/07/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/live/c4grjd14321t>

Gatwick campaign group has say on the airport's Economic Zone

Sussex World – 20/07/2026

<https://www.sussexexpress.co.uk/business/gatwick-campaign-group-has-say-on-the-airports-economic-zone-8809897>

New early morning rail services for Gatwick

BBC – 19/07/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cpvwzm8v93po>

GATCOM WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

High integrity carbon in practice: what the Gatwick Airport / Kent Wildlife Trust partnership tells us about UK voluntary carbon markets

Burges Salmon – 16/07/2026

<https://www.burges-salmon.com/articles/102n4nn/high-integrity-carbon-in-practice-what-the-gatwick-airport-kent-wildlife-trust/>

Gatwick airport chaos as nine flights emit emergency signals after runway blocked

Independent – 15/07/2026

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/london-gatwick-airport-flight-emergencies-diversions-runway-b3015263.html>

General Headlines

MPs committee chair warns of ‘significant’ EES disruption if no action taken

Travel Weekly – 16/07/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/mps-committee-chair-warns-of-significant-ees-disruption-if-no-action-taken>

Ryanair profits slump as Iran war sends jet fuel prices soaring

Independent – 20/07/2026

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/business/ryanair-share-price-profits-fares-b3017990.html>

Doncaster Sheffield Airport cleared for airspace consultation

Travel Weekly – 17/07/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/airspace-consultation-go-ahead-crucial-step-towards-reopening-of-doncaster-sheffield-airport>

An abandoned airport near London is set to reopen by 2029 – and it could offer budget-friendly flights to various European destinations

Secret London – 16/07/2026

<https://secretldn.com/manston-airport-near-london-reopening-2029/>

Passenger news

CAA reminds passengers about power bank rules in bid to minimise flight delays

Travel Weekly – 22/07/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/caa-reminds-passengers-about-power-bank-rules-in-bid-to-minimise-flight-delays>

Leeds Bradford Airport drop-off fees what to do instead

Telegraph & Argus – 17/07/2026

<https://www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk/news/26290258.flying-summer-airport-drop-off-costs-13/>

Industry news

Consultation launched on making aircraft more visible in UK skies

- Sets out proposals to make technology mandatory on all civil aircraft flying below 10,000 ft
- Changes could make flying safer in the future as drones, new aircraft types and increased air traffic mean UK skies will be busier than ever

[see consultations section]

<https://www.caa.co.uk/newsroom/news/consultation-launched-on-making-aircraft-more-visible-in-uk-skies/>

Global air travel approaches 10bn passengers fuelled by Asia-Pacific growth

Travel Weekly – 15/07/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/global-air-travel-approaches-10bn-passengers-fuelled-by-asia-pacific-growth>

Environmental news

More government support needed to help UK aviation meet net zero by 2050

Sustainable Aviation – 21/07/2026

<https://www.sustainableaviation.co.uk/news/2026/07/more-government-support-needed-to-help-uk-aviation-meet-net-zero-by-2050/>

UK regulator sets roadmap for hydrogen aviation by 2035

International Airport Review – 21/07/2026

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/uk-regulator-sets-roadmap-for-hydrogen-aviation-by-2035/2135997.article>

UK airline to become ‘first in Europe’ to run fleet of electric planes

Independent – 20/07/2026

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/loganair-flights-electric-planes-b3018286.html>

GATCOM WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Aberdeen

SNP accused of putting Aberdeen at 'competitive disadvantage' as air departure tax exemptions revealed

The Scotsman – 16/07/2026

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/snp-air-departure-tax-exemptions-highlands-islands-8801151>

Aberdeen Airport expect nearly 270,000 visitors this summer

Deadline – 16/07/2026

<https://www.deadlinenews.co.uk/2026/07/16/aberdeen-airport-expect-nearly-270000-visitors-this-summer/>

Belfast City

Belfast City Airport and easyJet celebrate five-year anniversary

Regional Gateway – 17/07/2026

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/belfast-city-airport-and-easyjet-celebrate-five-year-anniversary/>

Birmingham

Birmingham Airport prepares for busiest summer ever

Birmingham Airport – 17/07/2026

<https://www.birminghamairport.co.uk/latest-news/birmingham-airport-prepares-for-busiest-summer-ever/>

Swissport Launches Digital Operations Hub at Birmingham Airport to Enhance Ground Handling Performance

Safer Highways – 22/07/2026

<https://www.saferhighways.co.uk/post/swissport-launches-digital-operations-hub-at-birmingham-airport-to-enhance-ground-handling-performan>

Jet2.com Expands Birmingham Airport Programme with New La Rochelle Route for Summer 2027

Routes Online – 20/07/2026

<https://www.routesonline.com/airports/2368/birmingham-airport-uk/news/299666636/jet2com-expands-birmingham-airport-programme-with-new-la-rochelle-route-for-summer-2027/>

Bristol

Bristol Airport orders greener tech in 15 million passenger bid

FTN News – 22/07/2026

<https://ftnnews.com/travel-news/aviation/bristol-airport-orders-greener-tech-in-15-million-passenger-bid/>

Bristol Airport braced for busy summer with 1.8m passengers forecast

Travel Weekly – 17/07/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/bristol-airport-braced-for-busy-summer-with-18m-passengers-forecast>

EasyJet expands base at Bristol Airport supporting hundreds of jobs

Business Line – 22/07/2026

<https://www.business-live.co.uk/retail-consumer/easyjet-expands-base-bristol-airport-34330464>

East Midlands

East Midlands set for summer passenger surge

East Midlands Business Link – 22/07/2026

<https://www.eastmidlandsbusinesslink.co.uk/mag/featured/east-midlands-set-for-summer-passenger-surge/>

East Midlands Airport is ‘Airport of the Year’ contender at National Transport Awards

Derbyshire Times – 19/07/2026

<https://www.derbyshiretimes.co.uk/your-world/east-midlands-airport-is-airport-of-the-year-contender-at-national-transport-awards-8804509>

East Midlands Airport aims to help 20,000 young people into future careers by 2030

Insider Media – 20/07/2026

<https://www.insidermedia.com/news/midlands/east-midlands-airport-aims-to-help-20000-young-people-into-future-careers-by-2030>

Farnborough

UK CAA highlights innovation and safety priorities at Farnborough Airshow

Regional Gateway – 21/07/2026

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/uk-cao-engages-industry-at-farnborough/>

GATCOM WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

Behind the scenes: How Farnborough International Airshow keeps its flying display safe

Aerospace Global News – 19/07/2026

<https://aerospaceglobalnews.com/news/farnborough-airshow-flying-display-safety/>

Vertical Aerospace Unveils First eVTOL Public Demonstration Flights at Farnborough International Airshow

World Business Outlook – 20/07/2026

<https://worldbusinessoutlook.com/vertical-aerospace-unveils-first-evtol-public-demonstration-flights-at-farnborough-international-airshow/>

Glasgow

Glasgow Airport passengers could miss flight, be denied boarding and face ban

Daily Record – 20/07/2026

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/glasgow-airport-passengers-could-miss-37454502>

Direct BA flights launch from Glasgow Airport to world-renowned Spanish city

The National Scot – 21/07/2026

<https://www.thenational.scot/news/26300187.direct-ba-flights-launch-glasgow-airport-san-sebastian/>

Glasgow Prestwick

Cargo Boom Drives Glasgow Prestwick to Seventh Straight Year in Profit

Safer Highways – 22/07/2026

<https://www.saferhighways.co.uk/post/cargo-boom-drives-glasgow-prestwick-to-seventh-straight-year-in-profit>

Inverness

Loganair says island flights strategy 'urgently' needed

BBC – 20/07/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c1k130pvk18o>

Leeds Bradford

Doncaster Sheffield Airport installs “state-of-the-art” simulator as work to open progresses

The Yorkshire Post – 21/07/2026

<https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/business/doncaster-sheffield-airport-installs-state-of-the-art-simulator-as-work-to-open-progresses-8813065>

Liverpool

Liverpool Airport opens first parking zone for shared micromobility

Zag Daily – 20/07/2026

<https://zagdaily.com/micromobility/liverpool-airport-opens-first-parking-zone-for-shared-micromobility/>

London City

The Airport That Sold Itself On Skipping Lounges Is Building One & Here's Who It's Actually For

Simple Flying – 20/07/2026

<https://simpleflying.com/airport-sold-itself-skipping-lounges-building-one-actually-for/>

London Heathrow

What's new at Heathrow this summer? 10 things passengers need to know

Heathrow Airport press release – 23/07/2026

<https://mediacentre.heathrow.com/pressrelease/detail/25922>

Resilient demand and strong service - results for six months ended 30 Jun 2026

Heathrow Airport press release – 23/07/2026

<https://mediacentre.heathrow.com/pressrelease/detail/25925>

Heathrow and Arora clash over £49bn expansion as nationalisation talk grows

Eastern Eye – 22/07/2026

<https://www.easterneye.biz/heathrow-49bn-expansion-row/>

GATCOM WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

‘You never forget your past’: Surinder Arora on his £23bn Heathrow gamble and his path from wine waiter to billionaire

Spear’s – 21/07/2026

<https://spearswms.com/property/you-never-forget-your-past-surinder-arora-on-his-23bn-heathrow-gamble-and-his-path-from-wine-waiter-to-billionaire/>

Have your say on policy proposals to help shape Heathrow expansion plans

Wandsworth residents, businesses and local organisations are encouraged to directly respond to the government’s consultation on a policy framework that could shape the future of Heathrow Airport

Wandsworth – 22/07/2026

<https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/news/news-july-2026/have-your-say-on-policy-proposals-to-help-shape-heathrow-expansion-plans/>

Mayor’s draft new London Plan takes fresh approach to housing targets and opposes Heathrow expansion

On London – 16/07/2026

<https://www.onlondon.co.uk/mayors-draft-new-london-plan-takes-fresh-approach-to-housing-targets-and-opposes-heathrow-expansion/>

Government launches ‘Strategic Vision’ for transport to an expanded Heathrow Airport

Chiswick Calendar – 19/07/2026

<https://chiswickcalendar.co.uk/government-launches-strategic-vision-for-transport-to-an-expanded-heathrow-airport/>

Where London Heathrow ranks in the world’s 10 busiest airports

Time Out – 21/07/2026

<https://www.timeout.com/london/news/heathrow-airport-busiest-in-world-2026-072126>

'I paid numerous fines after leaving car with airport meet and greet'

Sky – 22/07/2026

<https://news.sky.com/story/i-paid-numerous-fines-after-leaving-car-with-airport-meet-and-greet-13565685>

Virgin Atlantic Has Axed 25 Long-Haul Destinations From London: See The Full List

Simple Flying – 22/07/2026

<https://simpleflying.com/virgin-atlantic-has-axed-25-long-haul-destinations-from-london-see-the-full-list/>

GATCOM WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

Heathrow opens new Wetherspoons pub in time for summer holiday rush

Yahoo – 22/07/2026

<https://ca.news.yahoo.com/heathrow-opens-wetherspoons-pub-time-122011275.html>

London Stansted

What Stansted Airport could look like after huge transformation with new 'Skylink' walkways, shops and bars

My London – 18/07/2026

<https://www.mylondon.news/lifestyle/travel/what-stansted-airport-could-look-34312441>

Stansted Airport sets ambitious education and skills target to support 25,000 young people

Bishop's Stortford Independent – 16/07/2026

<https://www.bishopsstortfordindependent.co.uk/news/stansted-airport-sets-ambitious-education-and-skills-target-9474366/>

Stansted crackdown sees cigarette smugglers turned away

East Anglain Daily Times – 20/07/2026

<https://www.eadt.co.uk/news/26293596.stansted-crackdown-sees-cigarette-smugglers-turned-away/>

Manchester

The UK's first luxury airport hotel has opened in Manchester

Squaremeal – 15/07/2026

https://www.squaremeal.co.uk/event-party-venues/news/uks-first-luxury-airport-hotel-dakota-opened-manchester_11163

Newcastle

Newcastle Airport projects record summer with 1.4m passengers

Travel Weekly – 17/07/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/newcastle-airport-projects-record-summer-with-14m-passengers>

New £100 parking charges at Manchester Airport 'may not be enforceable'

Leeds Live – 20/07/2026

<https://www.leeds-live.co.uk/news/uk-world-news/new-100-parking-charges-manchester-34317853>

GATCOM WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

Southampton

Business Voice - Encouraging signs of passenger growth at Southampton Airport

Yahoo – 16/07/2026

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/business-voice-encouraging-signs-passenger-023000640.html>

Southampton Airport Runway Run raises £75,000 for Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance

Airside – 20/07/2026

<https://airsideint.com/southampton-airport-runway-run-raises-75000-for-hampshire-and-isle-of-wight-air-ambulance/>

Teesside

Alfor Aviation to establish UK HQ at Teesside Airport in £50m investment

ADS Advance – 22/07/2026

<https://www.adsadvance.co.uk/alfor-aviation-uk-hq-teesside-airport/>