

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: 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: Consultation on Amendments to UK Reg (EU)139/2014 and CAP 168 - Consultation relating to aircraft diversion and aircraft diversion plans at certified and licensed aerodromes

Closing date: 21/09/2026

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

PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

Socio-economic impacts of night flying study: Estimates the economic and social welfare impacts of night flights and how this would be impacted by changes to UK night flying policy

DfT – 10/08/2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/socio-economic-impacts-of-night-flying-study>

Airspace modernisation, air navigation directions and guidance Options for supporting the Civil Aviation Authority to implement the modernisation of airspace design and management

DfT – 10/08/2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/airspace-modernisation-air-navigation-directions-and-guidance>

[How will UKADS redesign the UK's busiest airspace?](#)

NATS blog – 11/08/2026

Monthly short-notice cancellations at UK Airports: A summary of the analysis conducted to calculate the number of passenger flights that were cancelled at short notice from May to July 2026

DfT – 10/08/2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/monthly-short-notice-cancellations-at-uk-airports>

[What do the public expect from sustainable aviation?](#)

NATS blog – 07/08/2026

From emissions to innovation: building the sustainable airport of tomorrow

Tech UK – 06/08/2026

<https://www.techuk.org/resource/from-emissions-to-innovation-building-the-sustainable-airport-of-tomorrow.html>

Institutional pressure, green innovation, and circular supply chain practices in aviation: an inverted U-shaped relationship

Nature – 06/08/2026

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-026-64582-w>

GATWICK AIRPORT PRESS

Second Gatwick runway to be 'brought into full use' by 2030 after appeal is dismissed

The Planner – 10/08/2026

<https://www.theplanner.co.uk/2026/08/10/second-gatwick-runway-be-brought-full-use-2030-after-appeal-court-challenge-dismissed>

'Pragmatic approaches can be perfectly lawful': Gatwick's lawyers on High Court appeal rejection

New Civil Engineer – 07/08/2026

<https://www.newcivilengineer.com/latest/pragmatic-approaches-can-be-perfectly-lawful-gatwicks-lawyers-on-high-court-appeal-rejection-07-08-2026/>

General Headlines

Court rulings highlight need for National Airport Strategy

CILT – 10/08/2026

<https://ciltuk.org.uk/news/court-rulings-highlight-need-for-national-airport-strategy/>

Consultation on airport flight paths opens

BBC – 08/08/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cjd4rnpk5yo>

Industry news

CAA appoints regulatory expert as non-executive director

Travel Weekly – 10/08/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/caa-appoints-regulatory-expert-as-non-executive-director>

CAA Million Makers - Pulling a Plane for a Purpose: On 8 October 2026, teams from across the aviation sector will gather at Oxford Airport to take part in Pulling a Plane for a Purpose, supporting the King's Trust Million Makers 20th Anniversary and the King's Trust's 50th anniversary. Teams will race to pull a 20 to 40 tonne aircraft over 60 metres in the fastest time possible. Join us and watch teams from across the industry compete for bragging rights while raising money for an incredible cause

To donate or reserve a spot: <https://consultations.caa.co.uk/stem/caa-million-makers-pulling-a-plane/>

July hots up with record traffic levels

NATS – 12/08/2026

<https://www.nats.aero/news/july-hots-up-with-record-traffic-levels/>

Environmental news

[Navigating Around Climate Impact – The Contrails Opportunity](#)

NATS blog – 12/08/2026

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Business implementation study: using sustainable aviation fuels (SAF) in Ghana
Investigates the business case for a domestic sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) industry in Ghana

DfT – 06/08/2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/business-implementation-study-using-sustainable-aviation-fuels-saf-in-ghana>

Feasibility study: using sustainable aviation fuels (SAF) in Jamaica
Investigates the feasibility of a domestic sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) industry in Jamaica

DfT – 06/08/2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/feasibility-study-using-sustainable-aviation-fuels-saf-in-jamaica>

OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Aberdeen

Aberdeen International Airport announced as headline partner for the 2026 North-east Scotland Tourism Conference

Aberdeen Chamber – 11/08/2026

<https://www.agcc.co.uk/news-article/aberdeen-international-airport-announced-as-headline-partner-for-the-2026-north-east-scotland-tourism-conference>

Belfast City

Boots launches new Belfast City Airport store

Insider Media – 11/08/2026

<https://www.insidermedia.com/news/ireland/boots-launches-new-belfast-city-airport-store>

Birmingham

Baggage Chaos at Birmingham Airport Leaves Passengers Stranded Without Luggage

Redditch Standard – 09/08/2026

<https://redditchstandard.co.uk/news/baggage-chaos-at-birmingham-airport-leaves-passengers-stranded-without-luggage-national-news-63457/>

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Birmingham Airport chief apologises to passengers over luggage delays

BBC – 12/08/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/live/c5zjlwz80z8rt>

Bristol

Metro Mayor says she 'has to be silent' on Bristol Airport expansion plan

Bristol Post – 11/08/2026

<https://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/bristol-news/metro-mayor-says-has-silent-11094864>

Bristol airport passengers report travel chaos as flights delayed over runway defect: 'I've never seen it like this'

Independent – 08/08/2026

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/bristol-airport-flights-suspended-runway-closure-latest-updates-b3029669.html>

Plans for Bristol Airport car park near Mendip Hills refused

Somerset County Gazette – 11/08/2026

<https://www.somersetcountygazette.co.uk/news/26451262.plans-bristol-airport-car-park-near-mendip-hills-refused/>

East Midlands

Sky-high satisfaction drives increase in East Midlands Airport customers in July

East Midlands Airport – 11/08/2026

<https://mediacentre.eastmidlandsairport.com/sky-high-satisfaction-drives-increase-in-east-midlands-airport-customers-in-july/>

Mayor: East Midlands needs its airport for the region to thrive

Derbyshire Times – 10/08/2026

<https://www.derbyshiretimes.co.uk/your-world/east-midlands-needs-its-airport-for-the-region-to-thrive-8849555>

East Midlands Airport's economic impact jumps £2bn as cargo volumes soar

The Business Desk – 10/08/2026

<https://www.thebusinessdesk.com/eastmidlands/news/2113720-east-midlands-airports-economic-impact-jumps-2bn-as-cargo-volumes-soar>

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East Midlands Airport Community Fund open for next funding round

Derbyshire Times – 09/08/2026

<https://www.derbyshiretimes.co.uk/your-world/east-midlands-airport-community-fund-open-for-next-funding-round-8844899>

Glasgow

Glasgow Airport marks 60th anniversary with exclusive viewing experience

Glasgow Chamber – 10/08/2026

<https://www.glasgowchamberofcommerce.com/news/news/2026/august/10/glasgow-airport-marks-60th-anniversary-with-exclusive-viewing-experience/>

Glasgow Airport Offers UK Tech Firms up to £30,000 to Trial Innovations Live at the Terminal

DM News – 12/08/2026

<https://dmnews.co.uk/glasgow-airport-offers-uk-tech-firms-up-to-30000-to-trial-innovations-live-at-the-terminal/>

Glasgow Prestwick

Unite delivers union recognition deal for Prestwick airport tanker drivers

Unite – 07/08/2026

<https://www.unitetheunion.org/news-events/news/2026/august/unite-delivers-union-recognition-deal-for-prestwick-airport-tanker-drivers>

Glasgow Prestwick Airport Supports Record Breaking National Airlines Flight

Air Cargo Week – 06/08/2026

<https://aircargoweek.com/glasgow-prestwick-airport-supports-record-breaking-national-airlines-flight/>

Inverness

Frequency of Inverness to islands flights to be restored

BBC – 06/08/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c935nkrn30ko>

Liverpool

New express bus links over 25,000 residents directly to Liverpool John Lennon Airport

The Guide Liverpool – 07/08/2026

https://theguideliverpool.com/new-express-bus-links-over-25000-residents-directly-to-liverpool-john-lennon-airport/#google_vignette

London Heathrow

Andy Burnham urged to scrap Heathrow and other London airport expansions in favour of alternative

My London – 12/08/2026

<https://www.mylondon.news/news/transport/andy-burnham-urged-scrap-heathrow-34435513>

‘Heathrow expansion: flying in the face of reason’

Labour List – 11/08/2026

<https://labourlist.org/2026/08/heathrow-expansion-flying-in-the-face-of-reason/>

London Heathrow no longer Europe's busiest airport

BBC – 11/08/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cdx7kwkqqkgo>

London Heathrow records its busiest day of the year so far

Independent – 11/08/2026

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/heathrow-airport-london-flights-b3030856.html>

Fire at Heathrow airport leads to runway closure and travel delays

Independent – 06/08/2026

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/heathrow-airport-fire-runway-closed-b3028859.html>

Heathrow rail services disrupted as tunnel closes

BBC – 10/08/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cx25d20zg3o>

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How ITW GSE and Heathrow Airport are redefining ground power and cooling for a net zero future

Ground Handling International – 11/08/2026

<https://www.groundhandlinginternational.com/content/interviews/how-itw-gse-and-heathrow-airport-are-redefining-ground-power-and-cooling-for-a-net-zero-future>

London Luton

London airport offers free service to help passengers beat security queues

Female First – 12/08/2026

<https://www.femalefirst.co.uk/travel/london-airport-offers-free-service-help-passengers-beat-security-queues-1448947.html>

London Stansted

London Stansted Airport enjoys its busiest month ever

ADS Advance – 11/08/2026

<https://www.adsadvance.co.uk/london-stansted-airport-busiest-month-ever/>

Unauthorised car park near Stansted Airport doubles in size despite ban

Yahoo – 12/08/2026

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/unauthorised-car-park-near-stansted-120614464.html>

Stansted Airport to begin building new walkways for flights

Essex County News – 12/08/2026

<https://www.essexcountynews.co.uk/news/26457392.stansted-airport-begin-building-new-walkways-flights/>

Emirates marks two million passengers at London Stansted

BTN – 12/08/2026

<https://www.breakingtravelnews.com/news/article/emirates-marks-two-million-passengers-at-london-stansted/>

Manchester

Top tips for passengers as Manchester Airport records its second busiest month ever

Manchester Airport – 12/08/2026

<https://mediacentre.manchesterairport.co.uk/top-tips-for-passengers-as-manchester-airport-records-its-second-busiest-month-ever/>

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Newcastle

Major upgrade in new seats completed at Newcastle Airport

Hexham Courant – 11/08/2026

<https://www.hexham-courant.co.uk/news/26455085.major-upgrade-new-seats-completed-newcastle-airport/>

Who owns Newcastle Airport now? All the names on the board

The Northern Echo – 11/08/2026

<https://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/26431218.owns-newcastle-airport-now-names-board/>

Southampton

Loganair to close Southampton base less than a year after opening

Travel Weekly – 07/08/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/loganair-to-close-southampton-base-less-than-a-year-after-opening>