

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.

24 SEPTEMBER 2026

CURRENT NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

There are currently no relevant open national consultations.

PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

NATS publishes preliminary report on technical incident of 8 September

NATS – 18/09/2026

<https://www.nats.aero/news/nats-publishes-preliminary-report-on-technical-incident-of-8-september/>

Analysis: Air traffic resilience can only come at a price

Travel Weekly – 19/09/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/analysis-air-traffic-resilience-can-only-come-at-a-price>

Geopolitics, Capacity, and Connectivity: The Story Behind Megahubs 2026

OAG – 17/09/2026

<https://www.oag.com/blog/geopolitics-capacity-and-connectivity-the-story-behind-megahubs-2026>

GATWICK AIRPORT PRESS

London Gatwick Airport invites bids for six flagship hospitality units in largest ever food and beverage tender

International Airport Review – 18/09/2026

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/london-gatwick-airport-launches-largest-ever-food-and-beverage-tender-across-both-terminals/2136500.article>

European airline to axe flights from Gatwick Airport in 2027

The Argus – 22/09/2026

<https://www.theargus.co.uk/news/26570354.european-airline-axe-flights-gatwick-airport-2027/>

British Airways flight - Gatwick Airport to offer flights

London Now – 22/09/2026

<https://www.london-now.co.uk/news/26569965.british-airways-flight---gatwick-airport-offer-flights/>

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General Headlines

Think tank urges UK Government to use regional airports to accelerate innovation

Regional Gateway – 22/09/2026

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/think-tank-urges-uk-government-to-use-regional-airports-to-accelerate-innovation/>

‘Software defect’ was cause of travel chaos that grounded thousands of flights

Independent – 18/09/2026

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/uk-air-traffic-report-nats-b3050335.html>

Transport Secretary to meet Nats chair amid calls for air traffic boss to quit

The Standard – 23/09/2026

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/transport-secretary-heidi-alexander-ryanair-prime-minister-b1298042.html>

World's best airlines for 2026 revealed... and only ONE European carrier makes the top 10

Daily Mail – 21/09/2026

<https://www.dailymail.com/travel/article-16147737/airlines-awards-Europe-Asia-Skytrax.html>

Passenger news

CAA statement on passenger compensation following NATS disruption on 21 September

CAA – 21/09/2026

<https://www.caa.co.uk/newsroom/news/caa-statement-on-passenger-compensation-following-nats-disruption-on-21-september/>

Industry news

Travel Industry Calls For Action Following Second NATS Issue

NI Travel News – 22/09/2026

<https://nitravelnews.com/news/travel-industry-calls-for-action-following-second-nats-issue/>

Environmental news

Airlines seek rethink of SAF mandate amid fears of higher fares

Travel Weekly – 21/09/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/to-finish-airlines-seek-rethink-of-saf-mandate-amid-fears-of-higher-fares>

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OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Aberdeen

£2.5m Aberdeen Airport upgrade to expand retail and dining

The Herald – 18/09/2026

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/26562295.2-5m-aberdeen-airport-upgrade-expand-retail-dining/>

Belfast City

Comber Primary's Big Bear Wood Comes to Life with Belfast City Airport Support

Love Belfast – 17/09/2026

<https://lovebelfast.co.uk/comber-primary-big-bear-wood-belfast-city-airport/>

Birmingham

BHX races along the canal for Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity

Birmingham Airport – 22/09/2026

<https://www.birminghamairport.co.uk/latest-news/bhx-races-along-the-canal-for-birmingham-childrens-hospital-charity/>

Bristol

Bristol Airport's new chief executive to shape transport hub's 'ambitious future'

Business Live – 21/09/2026

<https://www.business-live.co.uk/enterprise/bristol-airports-new-chief-executive-34648064>

East Midlands

Aviation Minister Keir Mather visits East Midlands Airport to discuss the future of air freight

International Airport Review – 17/09/2026

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/east-midlands-airport-hailed-a-powerhouse-for-uk-trade-by-aviation-minister/2136484.article>

More than 1m passengers during holiday peak at East Midlands Airport marks another successful summer

Derbyshire Times – 20/09/2026

<https://www.derbyshiretimes.co.uk/your-world/more-than-1m-passengers-during-holiday-peak-at-east-midlands-airport-marks-another-successful-summer-9077290>

Edinburgh

Edinburgh Airport unveils £500m investment plans amid calls to get the basics right

The Scotsman – 22/09/2026

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/transport/edinburgh-airport-unveils-ps500m-investment-plans-amid-calls-to-get-the-basics-right-9130357>

Gatwick head of operations to lead Edinburgh Airport

Travel Weekly – 18/09/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/gatwick-head-of-operations-to-lead-edinburgh-airport>

Farnborough

Free airport operations course opens for applications

Basingstoke Gazette – 18/09/2026

<https://www.basingstokegazette.co.uk/news/26559953.free-airport-operations-course-opens-applications/>

Glasgow

Glasgow Airport wins Economic Impact Award at Inspiring City Awards 2026

Scottish Tourism Alliance – 22/09/2026

<https://scottishtourismalliance.co.uk/2026/09/22/glasgow-airport-wins-economic-impact-award/>

Glasgow Prestwick

Glasgow Prestwick Airport 'do not pack' advice to all passengers

Glasgow Live – 21/09/2026

<https://www.glasgowlive.co.uk/news/glasgow-news/glasgow-prestwick-airport-do-not-34647350>

Prestwick Airport shortlisted for two Payload Asia Awards

Ayr Advertiser – 23/09/1016

<https://www.ayradvertiser.com/news/26567841.prestwick-airport-shortlisted-two-payload-asia-awards/>

Leeds Bradford

Leeds Bradford Airport reveals noise reduction plans for night-time flights

Yahoo – 18/09/2026

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/leeds-bradford-airport-reveals-noise-121600577.html>

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All-Day American Dining Spot Monty's Opens at Leeds Bradford Airport

Yorkshire Press – 21/09/2026

<https://theyorkshirepress.co.uk/food-drink/all-day-american-dining-spot-montys-opens-at-leeds-bradford-airport/>

London City

London City Airport exploring plan for shuttle bus to Elizabeth line station

My London – 20/09/2026

<https://www.mylondon.news/news/transport/london-city-airport-exploring-plan-34637606>

London Heathrow

Passenger numbers fall during peak season at Heathrow

CILT – 22/09/2026

<https://ciltuk.org.uk/news/passenger-numbers-fall-during-peak-season-at-heathrow/>

Responses to the Climate Change Committee advice to the Government on Heathrow expansion

LinkedIn – 16/09/2026

Sustainable Aviation CEO: [https://www.linkedin.com/posts/our-chief-executive-responds-to-the-climate-share-7505924078151819264-](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/our-chief-executive-responds-to-the-climate-share-7505924078151819264-3Xh/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_ios&rcm=ACoAAAGQtEAB1TrhZlYe-5Uv2FhlqcDQMZwz8Yw)

[3Xh/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_ios&rcm=ACoAAAGQtEAB1TrhZlYe-5Uv2FhlqcDQMZwz8Yw](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/our-chief-executive-responds-to-the-climate-share-7505924078151819264-3Xh/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_ios&rcm=ACoAAAGQtEAB1TrhZlYe-5Uv2FhlqcDQMZwz8Yw)

Airports UK: [https://www.linkedin.com/posts/today-the-climate-change-committee-has-published-share-7505913660922347521-](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/today-the-climate-change-committee-has-published-share-7505913660922347521-kYmo/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_ios&rcm=ACoAAAGQtEAB1TrhZlYe-5Uv2FhlqcDQMZwz8Yw)

[kYmo/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_ios&rcm=ACoAAAGQtEAB1TrhZlYe-5Uv2FhlqcDQMZwz8Yw](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/today-the-climate-change-committee-has-published-share-7505913660922347521-kYmo/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_ios&rcm=ACoAAAGQtEAB1TrhZlYe-5Uv2FhlqcDQMZwz8Yw)

Heathrow expansion plans could force Brits taking two holidays a year to pay new flight charges

LAD Bible – 17/09/2026

<https://www.ladbible.com/news/uk-news/heathrow-expansion-plans-new-flight-charges-proposal-750307-20260917>

London Luton

Luton Airport drop-off fees rise by 80% in 2 years according to new figures

Luton Today – 18/09/2026

<https://www.lutontoday.co.uk/news/transport/luton-airport-drop-off-fees-rise-by-80-in-2-years-according-to-new-figures-9091450>

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Work on solar farm at Luton Airport begins as part of bid to cut carbon emissions

Luton Today – 18/09/2026

<https://www.lutontoday.co.uk/news/transport/work-on-solar-farm-at-luton-airport-begins-as-part-of-bid-to-cut-carbon-emissions-9087954>

London Southend

easyJet inaugural flight to Munich takes off from London Southend Airport

Regional Gateway – 18/09/2026

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/easyjet-inaugural-flight-to-munich-takes-off-from-london-southend-airport/>

Southend Airport's four new easyJet routes from October

Romford Recorder – 21/09/2026

<https://www.romfordrecorder.co.uk/news/26569208.southend-airports-four-new-easyjet-routes-october/>

London Stansted

Solar power milestone for London's Stansted Airport

Airport World – 21/09/2026

<https://airport-world.com/solar-power-milestone-for-londons-stansted-airport/>

Stansted Airport staff volunteer at Takeley primary school

Essex County News – 22/09/2026

<https://www.essexcountynews.co.uk/news/26573158.stansted-airport-staff-volunteer-takeley-primary-school/>

Manchester

Manchester Airport flights delayed 'due to hole in the runway'

Independent – 19/09/2026

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/manchester-airport-runway-closed-latest-b3052993.html>

Life at MAN - David Twomey, Airport Chaplain

Manchester Airport – 23/09/2026

<https://mediacentre.manchesterairport.co.uk/life-at-man---david-twomey-airport-chaplain/>

Newcastle

New flight routes launch from Newcastle Airport to Europe

Hexham Courant – 22/09/2026

<https://www.hexham-courant.co.uk/news/26570854.new-flight-routes-launch-newcastle-airport-europe/>

Teesside

Teesside rides to the rescue of time-critical cargo

Regional Gateway – 22/09/2026

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/teesside-rides-to-the-rescue-of-time-critical-cargo/>