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CURRENT NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

There are currently no relevant open national consultations.

PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

CAP3313: Heathrow capacity expansion – further update on the approach to the regulatory framework

October 2026
https://www.caa.co.uk/publication/download/29920

New UK Civil Aviation Authority report sets out approach to managing drone and eVTOL noise

CAA – 12/10/2026
https://www.caa.co.uk/newsroom/news/new-uk-civil-aviation-authority-report-sets-out-approach-to-managing-drone-and-evtol-noise/

October 2026: Airline Tech Takes Over The Waiting

OAG – 14/10/2026
https://www.oag.com/blog/airline-tech-innovations-ai-takes-over-the-waiting

Reporting for safer skies – CAA latest Safety Files podcast

https://www.caa.co.uk/newsroom/news/reporting-for-safer-skies/

GATWICK AIRPORT PRESS

Gatwick Airport Prepares Contactless Passport Checks as UK Expands Facial Recognition

Rus Tourism News – 12/10/2026
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Travel Weekly – 13/10/2026
https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/airports-and-airlines-table-six-point-action-plan-to-tackle-ees-bottlenecks

'Key links to the UK and Europe will remain essential': Over 200 aviation leaders gather in Belfast as industry warns connectivity is 'at a crossroads'
News Letter – 07/10/2026
https://www.newsletter.co.uk/business/key-links-to-the-uk-and-europe-will-remain-essential-over-200-aviation-leaders-gather-in-belfast-as-industry-warns-connectivity-is-at-a-crossroads-9273302

Burnham 'offers hope' but Budget key, say industry leaders
Travel Weekly – 07/10/2026
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Why staff facilities at regional airports need to work when terminal shops aren't open
Regional Gateway – 08/10/2026
https://www.regionalgateway.net/why-staff-facilities-at-regional-airports-need-to-work-when-terminal-shops-dont/

Europe's safest airlines revealed – and budget carriers are giving traditional airlines a run for their money
Daily Mail – 19/10/2026
https://www.dailymail.com/travel/article-16195803/safest-airlines-europe-2026.html

Passenger news

'Horrendous' airport drop-off charges prompt call for investigation
Sky – 10/10/2026
https://news.sky.com/story/its-a-rip-off-call-to-investigate-airport-drop-off-charges-13596962

Industry news

Industry told: Now is the time to lobby government on pressing issues
Travel Weekly – 14/10/2026
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Environmental news

Imperial joins new European initiative for advancing climate-smart aviation
Imperial – 09/10/2026
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Belfast City

Residents have say on Belfast City Airport plans as petition is launched
Irish News – 13/10/2026
https://www.irishnews.com/video/residents-have-say-on-belfast-city-airport-plans-as-petition-is-launched-MPDLJFMGI5BW3LWKENPT3LCLPI/

Belfast City Airport brings Northern Ireland's distillers into focus with 'That's the Spirit' campaign
The Moodie Davitt Report – 14/10/2026
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Birmingham

Birmingham Airport seeks your views on £2bn expansion plans
Birmingham Now – 14/10/2026
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Birmingham Airport in 50,000-plus job expansion
Bdaily – 09/10/2026
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Fears over Birmingham Airport expansion plans as bosses eye 50,000 more jobs
BBC – 09/10/2026
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Bristol Airport – embedding sustainability and social responsibility into project delivery

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Bristol Airport generates record solar energy in 2026 as it works towards net zero operations by 2030

International Airport Review – 13/10/2026
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East Midlands

East Midlands Airport's starring role in recruitment campaign, as it launches its latest Sustainability Report

Derbyshire Times – 14/10/2026
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Airline capacity boosts East Midlands Airport traffic

East Midlands Business Link – 13/10/2026
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Biggest rise in passenger number so far this year at East Midlands Airport

Insider Media – 13/10/2026
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It's official – East Midlands Airport customers have the highest satisfaction

Marketing Nottingham – 12/10/2026
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East Midlands Airport First To Use Facial Recognition Technology

Travel Radar – 10/10/2026
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Edinburgh Airport rebrands with 'modern and confident look' as £500 million expansion gets underway

Edinburgh News – 08/10/2026
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'This is a joke': Locals react to Edinburgh Airport's new rebrand ahead of £500m expansion

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Glasgow Talks... with Gavin Birch-Williams, Managing Director of Glasgow Airport Cleared for Take-Off: Glasgow Airport's Vision for the Next Decade

Glasgow Chamber of Commerce – 08/10/2026
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Glasgow Airport opens solar farm set to supply 25% of its electricity

STV – 14/10/2026
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Three Companies to Trial New Technological Solutions at Glasgow Airport

Airport Industry News – 14/10/2026
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Glasgow Prestwick

150 new jobs and £57m expansion is a "major vote of confidence" in once-threatened Prestwick airport

The Scotsman – 13/10/2026
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Liverpool

Jet2 issues 'exciting' update on 23 routes from Liverpool John Lennon Airport
Echo – 08/10/2026
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London Heathrow

Parliament reviews Heathrow Expansion National Policy Statement as unions, airlines, regional airports and businesses back third runway plans
International Airport Review – 13/10/2026
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Travel Weekly – 09/10/2026
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Most voters – and Londoners – back third runway at Heathrow
City AM – 13/10/2026
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Heathrow boss calls for Burnham to get behind third runway scheme: Thomas Woldbye warned that investment could be lost overseas unless there is certainty over the expansion plan
The Standard – 14/10/2026
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International Airport Review – 09/10/2026
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'Ghost town' threat to Heathrow Airport if third runway proves too costly, MPs warned: Heathrow's expansion plans are unaffordable, says a rival consortium

The Standard – 14/10/2025
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Heathrow rejects calls to put affordability at heart of third runway debate

City AM – 14/10/2026
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AEF – 08/10/2026
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Heidi Alexander says third Heathrow runway could grow 'every corner' of UK

The Standard – 14/10/2026
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Revealed: How the M25 would be moved under Heathrow Airport's plans for a third runway

The Standard – 14/10/2026
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London transfer: is it time to kill off the Heathrow Express?

Guardian – 26/09/2026
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London Luton

Luton Airport praised for five-minute security checks despite £9 drop-off fees
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London Now – 09/10/2026
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Late summer surge drives record September at Stansted
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Newcastle

Easyjet holding Newcastle Airport course for anyone who has fear of flying
Chronicle Live – 14/10/2026
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