



# GATCOM WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

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**9 January 2025**

## CURRENT NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

### **DfT Consultation: Implementing the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSA)**

Closing date: 10/02/2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/implementing-the-carbon-offsetting-and-reduction-scheme-for-international-aviation-corsia>

### **CAA Consultation: Proposed amendments to the UK Performance-Based Navigation Regulation**

Closing date: 16/01/2024

<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/innovation/proposed-amendments-to-the-uk-performance-based-na/>

## PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

### **Greener flights ahead for UK aviation: The Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) Mandate will support thousands of skilled jobs, deliver economic growth and help make the UK a clean energy superpower**

DfT – 01/01/2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/greener-flights-ahead-for-uk-aviation>

### **At the airport, travellers crave transparency. Let's give it to them**

International Airport Review – 06/01/2025

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/article/232563/at-the-airport-travellers-crave-transparency-so-lets-pull-back-the-curtain/>

### **Flying High: UK airline rankings 2024**

You Gov – December 2024

[https://commercial.yougov.com/rs/464-VHH-988/images/UK-Airline-Rankings-2024.pdf?version=0&utm\\_campaign=NL-2024-12-19-Global-Sector-Newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=newsletter&mkt\\_tok=NDY0LVZISC05ODgAAAGXfk2BD](https://commercial.yougov.com/rs/464-VHH-988/images/UK-Airline-Rankings-2024.pdf?version=0&utm_campaign=NL-2024-12-19-Global-Sector-Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&mkt_tok=NDY0LVZISC05ODgAAAGXfk2BD)



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### **Air Travel Statistics 2024**

OAG Blog – 19/12/2024

[https://www.oag.com/blog/air-travel-statistics-2024?utm\\_campaign=2024%20Q3%3A%20Dashboard%20%2F%20Resources%20%2F%20Reports%20Content&utm\\_medium=email&hsenc=p2ANqtz--65kITULCkMf5hEkpPONdxmVRkHpZHjvCrxB9vrsM7YYe5HuhjlS0IG\\_piMPNXnYAjTSRe\\_5LvJrZYUgq\\_W-K6RcPaQ&hsmi=339371457&utm\\_content=339371457&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://www.oag.com/blog/air-travel-statistics-2024?utm_campaign=2024%20Q3%3A%20Dashboard%20%2F%20Resources%20%2F%20Reports%20Content&utm_medium=email&hsenc=p2ANqtz--65kITULCkMf5hEkpPONdxmVRkHpZHjvCrxB9vrsM7YYe5HuhjlS0IG_piMPNXnYAjTSRe_5LvJrZYUgq_W-K6RcPaQ&hsmi=339371457&utm_content=339371457&utm_source=hs_email)

**EUROCONTROL Aviation Long Term Outlook expects aviation to reach 15.4 million flights in 2050, +39% vs. 2019 levels and shows that the pathway to net-zero by 2050 will remain challenging.**

Eurocontrol – 19/12/2024

<https://www.eurocontrol.int/press-release/eurocontrol-aviation-long-term-outlook-expects-aviation-reach-154-million-flights>

### **AEF Responds To Consultation On The Future Of The Caa’s Aviation Environmental Review**

AEF – 07/01/2025

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2025/01/07/caa-aviation-environmental-review/>

### **Contraails Explained: Why They Form and What They Mean**

NATS blog – 07/01/2025

## **GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES**

**London Gatwick chair Baroness Margaret Ford of Cunninghame O.B.E. recognised in King’s New Year Honours List**

31/12/2024

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-chair-baroness-margaret-ford-of-cunningham-o-b-e-recognised-in-kings-new-year-honours-list-f988a-40f32.html>



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## GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA

**Four in every five residents\* across Sussex, Surrey and Kent support London Gatwick's growth plans**

Gatwick Airport – 19/12/2024

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/four-in-every-five-residents-across-sussex-surrey-and-kent-supports-london-gatwicks-growth-plans-ce1d8-40f32.html>

**Gatwick warns government over homes purchase plan**

BBC – 07/01/2025

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cnv34yr613zo>

## General Headlines

**Airlines and airports battle to recover from winter weather runway closures**

Travel Weekly – 06/01/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/airlines-and-airports-battle-to-recover-from-winter-weather-runway-closures>

**Snow forced 4 UK airports to pause operations – can they be made more resilient?**

New Civil Engineer – 07/01/2025

<https://www.newcivilengineer.com/latest/snow-forced-four-uk-airports-to-pause-operations-how-can-they-be-made-more-resilient-07-01-2025/>

**Will the net-zero 'flight tax' raise family air fares by £300 in 15 years?**

Independent – 08/01/2025

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/net-zero-flight-tax-air-fares-b2675144.html>

**Inside plans for a £10 billion train line connecting London's Heathrow and Gatwick airports**

Time Out – 03/01/2025

<https://www.timeout.com/london/news/inside-plans-for-a-10-billion-train-line-connecting-londons-heathrow-and-gatwick-airports-010325>

**Boeing told it still needs culture change one year after panel blow out**

Independent – 03/01/2024

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/boeing-donald-trump-panel-max-b2673277.html>

### Virgin Atlantic ranked most punctual airline in UK market

Travel Weekly – 02/01/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/virgin-atlantic-is-most-punctual-airline-in-uk-market>

### British Airways turns the hidden beauty of flight paths into a clever new logo design

Creative Bloq – 03/01/2025

<https://www.creativebloq.com/design/branding/british-airways-turns-the-hidden-beauty-of-flight-paths-into-a-clever-new-logo-design>

### Passenger news

#### ABTA's Angie Hills awarded MBE

31/12/2025

<https://www.abta.com/news/abtas-angie-hills-awarded-mbe>

#### Visitors to the U.K. from 48 countries must now apply and pay a fee before travel

CTV – 06/01/2025

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/lifestyle/visitors-to-the-u-k-from-48-countries-must-now-apply-and-pay-a-fee-before-travel-1.7165707>

#### Business travel firm issues arrivals warning ahead of UK ETA introduction

Travel Weekly – 07/01/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/business-travel-firm-issues-arrivals-warning-ahead-of-uk-eta-introduction>

### Industry news

#### CAA faces first threat of industrial action in 40 years

Travel Weekly – 08/01/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/caa-faces-first-threat-of-industrial-action-in-40-years>

### Environmental news

#### Government and aviation leaders hail New Year launch of SAF mandate

Travel Weekly – 01/01/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/government-and-aviation-leaders-hail-new-year-launch-of-saf-mandate>

### **Aviation minister 'confident' 2% SAF target will be met**

Travel Weekly – 06/01/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/aviation-minister-confident-2-saf-target-will-be-met>

### **IATA warns aviation 'not making progress we hoped' in cutting carbon**

Travel Weekly – 07/01/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/iata-warns-aviation-not-making-progress-we-hoped-in-cutting-carbon>

### **EasyJet trials lighter paint system to cut fuel burn**

The Standard – 03/01/2025

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/science/easyjet-government-department-for-transport-europe-b1202732.html>

## **OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS**

### **Aberdeen**

#### **Passengers left in limbo after 'de-icing drama' grounds Aberdeen flight for six hours**

Press & Journal – 06/01/2025

<https://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/fp/news/aberdeen-aberdeenshire/6662593/de-icer-drama-grounds-aberdeen-airport-flight/>

### **Birmingham**

#### **Birmingham Airport night flights plan set to be approved despite opposition from residents**

Express & Star – 07/01/2025

<https://www.expressandstar.com/news/transport/2025/01/07/birmingham-airport-night-flights-plan-set-to-be-approved-despite-opposition-from-residents/>

#### **Warwickshire councillors 'appalled' over failure to consult on plans to increase night-time flights from Birmingham Airport**

Warwickshire World – 07/01/2025

<https://www.warwickshireworld.com/business/warwickshire-councillors-appalled-over-failure-to-consult-on-plans-to-increase-night-time-flights-from-birmingham-airport-4933494>

## Bristol

### **Bristol Airport opens bids for ground service equipment partner**

Somerset Live – 08/01/2025

<https://www.somersetlive.co.uk/news/somerset-news/bristol-airport-opens-bids-ground-9844363>

### **Deadline for Bristol Airport consultation draws closer**

The Business Desk – 06/01/2025

<https://www.thebusinessdesk.com/south-west/news/18310-deadline-for-bristol-airport-consultation-draws-closer>

## East Midlands

### **“Big changes” in the air at East Midlands Airport - travel hub pushes forward with £120m investment programme**

Insider Media – 08/01/2025

<https://www.insidermedia.com/news/midlands/big-changes-in-the-air-at-east-midlands-airport-travel-hub-pushes-forward-with-120m-investment-programme>

## Edinburgh

### **Edinburgh Airport to raise drop-off fee to £6 for 10 mins to 'reduce emissions'**

Daily Record – 08/01/2025

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/edinburgh-airport-raise-drop-fee-34440034>

## Exeter

### **TUI to expand Exeter flights to Spain, Turkey and Greece in 2025**

Devon Live – 05/01/2025

<https://www.devonlive.com/whats-on/whats-on-news/tui-expand-exeter-flights-spain-9834889>

## Farnborough

### **Meeting called as decision looms on Farnborough Airport expansion**

Alton Herald – 07/01/2025

<https://www.altonherald.com/news/meeting-called-as-decision-looms-on-farnborough-airport-expansion-753845>

## Glasgow

### AI cuts queries by half at Glasgow Airport

Cities Today – 26/12/2024

<https://cities-today.com/ai-cuts-queries-by-half-at-glasgow-airport/>

## Leeds Bradford

### Exciting times ahead for Leeds Bradford Airport as LBA:REGEN takes off

Telegraph & Argus – 07/01/2025

<https://www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk/news/24836380.exciting-times-ahead-leeds-bradford-airport-lba-regen-takes-off/>

## Liverpool

### LJLA is Faster, Easier and now Environmentally Friendlier

Liverpool Airport – 08/01/2025

<https://www.liverpoolairport.com/blog/ljla-is-faster-easier-and-now-environmentally-friendlier/>

### Liverpool John Lennon Airport invests in solar farm to boost sustainability

The Guide Liverpool – 08/01/2025

<https://theguideliverpool.com/liverpool-john-lennon-airport-invests-in-solar-farm-to-boost-sustainability/>

### Liverpool Airport breaks 5m passengers barrier

Liverpool Business News – 02/01/2025

<https://lbdaily.co.uk/liverpool-could-miss-out-on-new-ryanair-investment/>

## London Heathrow

### Heathrow to invest £2.3 billion over the next two years

Passenger Terminal Today – 08/01/2025

<https://www.passengerterminaltoday.com/news/heathrow-to-invest-2-3-billion-over-the-next-two-years.html>

### Why London Heathrow Has Most Expensive Airport Slots in the World

Aviation a2z – 01/01/2025

<https://aviationa2z.com/index.php/2025/01/01/london-heathrow-most-expensive-airport-slots-in-world/>

### **Heathrow Express carries 20% fewer passengers over six months**

Business Traveller – 07/01/2025

<https://www.businesstraveller.com/business-travel/2025/01/07/heathrow-express-carries-20-fewer-passengers-over-six-months/>

### **Interview: Fraser Brown, Retail Director, London Heathrow Airport**

TR Business – 01/01/2025

<https://www.trbusiness.com/regional-news/international/interview-fraser-brown-retail-director-heathrow-airport/261564>

### **Mind the gap: World first ‘pairwise’ separation standard to cut delays and emissions at Heathrow**

NATS – 19/12/2024

<https://www.nats.aero/news/mind-the-gap-world-first-pairwise-separation-standard-to-cut-delays-and-emissions-at-heathrow/>

### **Hopes in Reading for Heathrow rail link and Thames bridge**

The Reading Chronicle – 07/01/2025

<https://www.readingchronicle.co.uk/news/24836480.hopes-reading-heathrow-rail-link-thames-bridge/>

### **Confusion reigns over whether London taxi drivers will be charged increased Heathrow drop-off fees before tariff update**

Taxi Point – 03/01/2025

<https://www.taxi-point.co.uk/post/out-of-pocket-london-taxi-drivers-to-charge-passengers-old-heathrow-airport-drop-off-fee-and-pay-th>

### **Examined: The Aircraft Families Operating The Most Flights At London Heathrow Airport This December**

Simple Flying – 28/12/2024

<https://simpleflying.com/london-heathrow-airport-top-aircraft/>

### **London Heathrow Airport opens Airport Dimensions lounge**

Passenger Terminal Today – 23/12/2024

<https://www.passengerterminaltoday.com/news/lounge/london-heathrow-airport-opens-airport-dimensions-lounge.html>



## London Luton

### LLA raises £300,000 for charity partners

Luton Today – 08/01/2025

<https://www.lutontoday.co.uk/community/lla-raises-ps300000-for-charity-partners-4935038>

### London Luton Airport (LLA) unveils the top travel trends for 2025

Travel & Tour World – 08/01/2025

<https://www.travelandtourtourworld.com/news/article/london-luton-airport-lla-unveils-the-top-travel-trends-for-2025/>

## London Southend

### Southend Airport host travel show with discounted holidays

Echo – 07/01/2025

<https://www.echo-news.co.uk/news/24839147.southend-airport-host-travel-show-discounted-holidays/>

## London Stansted

### London Stansted Airport reveals partner for solar farm

Saffron Walden Reporter – 08/01/2025

<https://www.saffronwaldenreporter.co.uk/news/24842149.london-stansted-airport-reveals-partner-solar-farm/>

### Stansted route network rises to almost 200 for summer

Travel Weekly – 07/01/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/stansted-route-network-rises-to-almost-200-for-summer>

## Manchester

### Manchester Airport forced to step in after being slammed for 'senseless' drop-off zone rules

Manchester Evening News – 08/01/2025

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/manchester-airport-forced-step-after-30729849>



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**Stunning images show Manchester Airport covered in snow as flights hit by delays**

Manchester Evening News – 07/01/2025

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/gallery/stunning-images-show-manchester-airport-30724423>

### Newcastle

**AEGEAN scraps direct flights from Newcastle Airport to Athens after just two summers**

Gazette Live – 08/01/2025

<https://www.gazettelive.co.uk/news/teesside-news/newcastle-airport-flight-greece-athens-30733965>

### Teesside

**Airport still losing money after public takeover**

BBC – 30/12/2024

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c1j07594kglo>