

# GATCOM WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN



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**28 SEPTEMBER 2023**

## **CURRENT NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS**

**There are currently no national consultations.**

## **PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES**

**DfT Consultation outcome - update: Future of transport regulatory review:  
future of flight**

DfT - 18/09/2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/future-of-transport-regulatory-review-future-of-flight>

## **GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES**

**London Gatwick's education programmes reach more than 70,000 local students  
19/09/2023**

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwicks-education-programmes-reach-more-than-70-000-local-students-7f63-40f32.html>

## **GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA**

**Gatwick airport expansion: people have till 29th October to register to be an  
"interested party"**

Airport Watch – 16/09/2023

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2023/09/gatwick-airport-expansion-people-have-till-29th-october-to-register-to-be-an-interested-party/>



## **London Gatwick Passengers Face Diversion & Delay Chaos Due To ATC Shortages**

Simple Flying – 15/09/2023

<https://simpleflying.com/london-gatwick-atc-shortage-flight-chaos/>

## **Gatwick Airport awards contracts for North Terminal revamp**

Aviation Source News – 18/09/2023

<https://aviationsourcenews.com/airport/gatwick-airport-awards-contracts-for-north-terminal-revamp/>

## **General Headlines**

## **The UK Government's Night Flight Restrictions: What Are They & How Do They Work?**

Simple Flying – 20/09/2023

<https://simpleflying.com/uk-government-night-flight-restrictions-guide/>

## **NATS has 'let down customers all summer' says EasyJet boss**

ITV – 15/09/2023

<https://www.itv.com/news/meridian/2023-09-15/nats-has-let-down-customers-all-summer-says-easyjet-boss>

## **Tories have accepted over £290,000 in donations in kind from UK airports**

Airport Watch – 19/09/2023

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2023/09/tories-have-accepted-over-280000-in-donations-in-kind-from-uk-airports/>

## **European flights hit 93% of pre-Covid levels**

Travel Weekly – 15/09/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/european-flights-hit-93-of-pre-covid-levels>

## **Global air travel recovery 'patchy' over the summer, new analysis finds**

Travel Weekly – 18/09/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/global-air-travel-recovery-patchy-over-the-summer-new-analysis-finds>

## **Aviation post-pandemic: Is it business as usual?**

Aviation Source News – 18/09/2023

<https://aviationsourcenews.com/analysis/aviation-post-pandemic-is-it-business-as-usual/>



**This world-class airport will soon go passport-free**

CNN Travel – 20/09/2023

<https://edition.cnn.com/travel/article/changi-airport-singapore-passport-free-travel-intl-hnk/index.html>

**Bristol, Heathrow, Cardiff and Gatwick Airports introduce new rule to speed up arrival times**

Bristol Post – 19/09/2023

<https://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/bristol-news/bristol-heathrow-cardiff-gatwick-airport-8762187>

**Passenger news**

**EASA to help airline passengers choose greener flights under new remit**

Runway Girl Network – 19/09/2023

<https://runwaygirlnetwork.com/2023/09/easa-greener-flights-new-remit/>

**Industry news**

**Civil Aviation Authority confirms appointment of Chief Finance Officer**

CAA – 20/09/2023

<https://www.caa.co.uk/newsroom/news/civil-aviation-authority-confirms-appointment-of-chief-finance-officer/>

**Environmental news**

**No stone unturned in quest for net zero, says IATA**

International Airport Review – 20/09/2023

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/189429/no-stone-unturned-in-quest-for-net-zero-says-iata/>

**Are hydrogen-fuelled planes a route to cleaner air travel?**

Channel 4 – 18/09/2023

<https://www.channel4.com/news/are-hydrogen-fuelled-planes-a-route-to-cleaner-air-travel>



## OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

### Belfast City

#### Belfast City Airport announces expansion of summer 2024 routes

Belfast Telegraph – 18/09/2023

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/business/northern-ireland/belfast-city-airport-announces-expansion-of-summer-2024-routes/a363737493.html>

### Belfast International

#### Plans approved for new Premier Inn hotel at Belfast International Airport

The Irish News – 19/09/2023

[https://www.irishnews.com/business/2023/09/20/news/plans\\_approved\\_for\\_new\\_premier\\_inn\\_hotel\\_at\\_belfast\\_international\\_airport-3624919/](https://www.irishnews.com/business/2023/09/20/news/plans_approved_for_new_premier_inn_hotel_at_belfast_international_airport-3624919/)

### Bristol

#### Bristol Airport bus service passengers soar amid soaring parking costs

Somerset Live – 18/09/2023

<https://www.somersetlive.co.uk/news/somerset-news/bristol-airport-bus-service-passengers-8753426>

### Doncaster Sheffield

#### Doncaster Sheffield Airport could reopen as council agrees rescue plan

BBC – 20/09/2023

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-south-yorkshire-66864889>

### Edinburgh

#### Edinburgh Airport installs 40 EV chargers as part of sustainability strategy

Travel Daily News – 20/09/2023

<https://www.traveldailynews.com/aviation/edinburgh-airport-installs-40-ev-chargers-as-part-of-sustainability-strategy/>



## Exeter

### Exeter airport plans to reopen after flooding of terminal

Travel Weekly – 18/09/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/exeter-airport-plans-to-reopen-after-flooding-of-terminal>

## Farnborough

### Farnborough Airport wants to more than double number of weekend flights

Get Surrey – 15/09/2023

<https://www.getsurrey.co.uk/news/hampshire-news/farnborough-airport-wants-more-double-27715567>

### Extinction Rebellion: Don't be fooled by Farnborough's greenwash – more flights are bad

Petersfield Post – 15/09/2023

<https://www.petersfieldpost.co.uk/news/extinction-rebellion-dont-be-fooled-by-farnboroughs-greenwash-more-flights-are-bad-638514>

## Glasgow Prestwick

### Scottish ministers spent £2.5m failing to flog off Prestwick Airport

The Herald – 17/09/2023

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/23794740.scottish-ministers-spent-2-5m-failing-flog-off-prestwick-airport/>

## Leeds Bradford

### Leeds Bradford Airport seeks permission to run more night flights

BBC – 19/09/2023

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leeds-66858586>

## Liverpool

### Planning Inspectorate approves Liverpool airport expansion plans

Airport Watch – 18/09/2023

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2023/09/46375/>



## **Liverpool Airport Is Destined For Great Things: An Inside Look**

Aviation Source News – 15/09/2023

<https://aviationsourcenews.com/analysis/liverpool-airport-is-destined-for-great-things-an-inside-look/>

## **London Heathrow**

### **Heathrow Airport park and ride to help staff avoid ULEZ charge**

Get Surrey – 19/09/2023

<https://www.getsurrey.co.uk/news/surrey-news/heathrow-airport-park-ride-help-27738959>

### **This London airport is officially the best-connected in the world**

Time Out – 20/09/2023

<https://www.timeout.com/london/news/this-london-airport-is-officially-the-best-connected-in-the-world-092023>

### **A direct train to Heathrow from Southampton is one step closer: this is why**

Yahoo – 16/09/2023

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/direct-train-heathrow-southampton-one-023200334.html>

## **London Luton**

### **London Luton Airport to host discussion in Ivinghoe over issues of aircraft noise and airspace**

Luton Today – 13/09/2023

<https://www.lutontoday.co.uk/news/transport/london-luton-airport-to-host-discussion-in-ivinghoe-over-issues-of-aircraft-noise-and-airspace-4334805>

### **85 Years Of Operations - A Short History Of London Luton Airport**

Simple Flying – 17/09/2023

<https://simpleflying.com/85-years-of-operations-a-short-history-of-london-luton-airport/>

## **London Southend**

### **Southend Airport has 'strong potential' with right ownership**

Echo – 20/09/2023

<https://www.echo-news.co.uk/news/23798973.southend-airport-strong-potential-right-ownership/>



## London Stansted

### **Stansted Airport records second-busiest month ever**

Saffron Walden Reporter – 20/09/2023

<https://www.saffronwaldenreporter.co.uk/news/23801809.stansted-airport-records-second-busiest-month-ever/>

### **Airport boss welcomes return of all-day, four-trains-an-hour Stansted Express service**

Bishop's Stortford Independent – 15/09/2023

<https://www.bishopstortfordindependent.co.uk/news/airport-boss-welcomes-return-of-stansted-express-full-four-9330531/>

## Manchester

### **'It never stops': Why do planes land at Manchester Airport through the night but not at Heathrow?**

Manchester Evening News – 17/09/2023

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/it-never-stops-planes-land-27694865>

### **Manchester Airports Group secures £360m in UK bond market**

Travel Weekly – 14/09/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/manchester-airports-group-secures-360m-in-uk-bond-market>

## Teesside

### **Six figure tech boost for Hartlepool and Teesside Airport**

Bdaily – 20/09/2023

<https://bdaily.co.uk/articles/2023/09/20/six-figure-tech-boost-for-hartlepool-and-teesside-airport>