

# GATCOM WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN



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## **CURRENT NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS**

There are currently no open national consultations.

## **PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES**

**Future aviation skills strategy research: This independent report assesses the future skills needs within the aviation sector**

DfT – 06/11/2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/future-aviation-skills-strategy-research>

**Tracking The Evolution Of Airlines: 2019-2023**

OAG Blog – 02/11/2023

[https://www.oag.com/blog/tracking-the-evolution-of-airlines-2019-2023?utm\\_medium=email&\\_hsmt=280897318&\\_hsenc=p2ANqtz--IJhgFw1wWL-TED0KPlpZDvQwBe-glK3IYmdKtYK3oxhmQfayHQeaWfvDLB5mxoKx5FQDImFds7\\_qUzsXSCMMwS9wgQ&utm\\_content=280897318&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://www.oag.com/blog/tracking-the-evolution-of-airlines-2019-2023?utm_medium=email&_hsmt=280897318&_hsenc=p2ANqtz--IJhgFw1wWL-TED0KPlpZDvQwBe-glK3IYmdKtYK3oxhmQfayHQeaWfvDLB5mxoKx5FQDImFds7_qUzsXSCMMwS9wgQ&utm_content=280897318&utm_source=hs_email)

**AI IN THE SKY: Is Artificial Intelligence aviation's next leap forward?**

Elevate – October 2023 edition

<https://www.nats.aero/news/elevate/october-23/>

**[Airport digitisation is the true 'digital tower' revolution](#)**

NATS blog – 07/11/2023

**[NHS airport drone flight offers a glimpse of the future](#)**

NATS blog – 03/11/2023



## GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES

### Gatwick STEM Centre launch – media coverage

<https://www.gatcom.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/STEM-Centre-launch-Media-coverage.pdf>

## GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA

### Concern as London Gatwick Airport consultation registration closes early

Yahoo – 01/11/2023

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/concern-london-gatwick-airport-consultation-173923879.html>

Please note the above issue has since been resolved and the Planning Inspectorate has extended the period for submission of Relevant Representations until 23:59 on Sunday 19 November 2023.

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/gatwick-airport-northern-runway/?ipcsection=advice>

### Travel at Gatwick Airport station to transform completely in two weeks time following 'fabulous' change

ITV – 07/11/2023

<https://www.itv.com/news/meridian/2023-11-07/travel-at-gatwick-airport-to-change-completely-in-two-weeks-time>

### Gatwick airport opens STEM centre to inspire airport-related careers

ARGS – 07/11/2023

<https://airlinergs.com/gatwick-airport-opens-stem-centre-to-inspire-airport-related-careers/>

### Airline quietly axes Gatwick route less than one year after it started

Yahoo – 02/11/2023

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/airline-quietly-axes-gatwick-route-050000302.html>

### Concerns over Gatwick Airport expansion raised by Horsham councillors

Sussex World – 08/11/2023

<https://www.sussexpress.co.uk/news/people/concerns-over-gatwick-airport-expansion-raised-by-horsham-councillors-4402946>



## General Headlines

### Aviation risks becoming ‘preserve of the elite’, warns Virgin president

Travel Weekly – 03/11/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/aviation-risks-becoming-preserve-of-the-elite-warns-virgin-president>

### Nearly half of Europe’s airports have now recovered 2019 traffic volumes

Business Traveller – 07/11/2023

<https://www.businesstraveller.com/business-travel/2023/11/07/nearly-half-of-europes-airport-have-now-recovered-2019-traffic-volumes/>

### Peak summer months at Europe’s airports drive strong recovery, says ACI Europe

International Airport Review – 06/11/2023

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/190334/peak-summer-months-at-europes-airports-drive-strong-recovery-says-aci-europe/>

### Major airlines' post-COVID hiring spree is thrusting more junior pilots behind controls of larger planes, raising safety concerns from experts

Daily Mail – 07/11/2023

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-12720849/Airline-hiring-pilot-experience-safety.html>

### Is demand for premium and international travel here to stay? It depends on which airline you ask

The Points Guy – 05/11/2023

<https://thepointsguy.com/news/international-premium-travel-american-southwest-united/>

### Government confirms plans to tackle ‘drip pricing’

Travel Weekly – 08/11/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/government-confirms-plans-to-tackle-drip-pricing>

## Passenger news

### Ryanair’s Michael O’Leary says passengers face years of rising fares

Belfast Telegraph – 06/11/2023

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/business/ryanairs-michael-oleary-says-passengers-face-years-of-rising-fares/a1818949409.html>



## **Passenger Booking Data: An Insider's Guide**

OAG Blog – 01/11/2023

<https://www.oag.com/blog/what-is-passenger-booking-data>

## **Singapore Changi Airport reopens T2 with new immersive experiences**

Blooloop – 02/11/2023

<https://blooloop.com/technology/news/singapore-changi-airport-t2-new-attractions/>

## **Environmental news**

### **Virgin Atlantic granted Permit to Fly for historic transatlantic 100% SAF flight**

International Airport Review – 07/11/2023

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/190389/virgin-atlantic-granted-permit-to-fly-for-historic-transatlantic-100-saf-flight/>

### **First commercial flight by Indonesian airline, Garuda, using palm oil**

Airport Watch – 03/11/2023

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2023/11/first-commercial-flight-by-indonesian-airline-garuda-using-palm-oil/>

## **OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS**

### **Birmingham**

#### **Birmingham Airport takes on high-flyers**

ADS Advance – 03/11/2023

<https://www.adsadvance.co.uk/birmingham-airport-takes-on-high-flyers.html>

### **Bristol**

#### **Bristol Airport invests £3.5m in air traffic control tower**

Punchline – 03/11/2023

<https://www.punchline-gloucester.com/articles/aanews/bristol-airport-invests-3-5m-in-air-traffic-control-tower>



## **Doncaster Sheffield**

### **Doncaster Sheffield Airport: One year on from final flight, hopes remain for fresh take-off**

Doncaster Free Press – 04/11/2023

<https://www.doncasterfreepress.co.uk/news/doncaster-sheffield-airport-one-year-on-from-final-flight-hopes-remain-for-fresh-take-off-4395852>

## **East Midlands**

### **East Midlands Airport to hold ‘speed dating’ business event to match local firms with clients**

Business Live – 06/11/2023

<https://www.business-live.co.uk/ports-logistics/east-midlands-airport-hold-speed-28054625>

## **Farnborough**

### **Farnborough Airport bosses make net zero pledge amid plans to double weekend flights and backlash from eco activists**

Get Surrey – 07/11/2023

<https://www.getsurrey.co.uk/news/surrey-news/farnborough-airport-bosses-make-net-28039606>

## **Leeds Bradford**

### **Sustainability is a top priority for Leeds Bradford Airport**

Airport World – 08/11/2023

<https://airport-world.com/sustainability-is-a-top-priority-for-leeds-bradford-airport/>

## **Liverpool**

### **easyJet launches new direct route from Liverpool John Lennon Airport**

Liverpool World – 07/11/2023

<https://www.liverpoolworld.uk/news/easyjet-launches-new-direct-route-from-liverpool-airport-for-sun-seekers-4400962>



## London City

### ITA Airways adds London City-Milan frequencies

Travel Weekly – 06/11/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/ita-airways-adds-london-city-milan-frequencies>

### On Location: Lagardère and London City Airport build on a ‘common vision’ for Aelia Duty Free revamp

The Moodie Davitt Report – 03/11/2023

<https://www.moodiedavittreport.com/on-location-lagardere-and-london-city-airport-build-on-a-common-vision-for-aelia-duty-free-revamp/>

## London Heathrow

### Heathrow Airport urged to drop Richmond Park flight path plans

BBC – 03/11/2023

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-67302819>

### Motion passed by London Assembly to protect Richmond Park from increased Heathrow flight paths

Airport Watch – 03/11/2023

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2023/11/motion-passed-by-london-assembly-to-protect-richmond-park-from-increased-heathrow-flight-paths/>

### Campaigner Joshua Wintersgill joins HAAG

Airports International – 08/11/2023

<https://www.airportsinternational.com/article/campaigner-joshua-wintersgill-joins-haag>

### Heathrow Airport and St Luke’s launch emotive memories with ‘On-This-Day’ festive campaign

Marketing Communication News – 06/11/2023

<https://marcommnews.com/heathrow-airport-and-st-lukes-launch-emotive-memories-with-on-this-day-festive-campaign/>

### Heathrow Airport posts healthy rise in retail revenue but removal of VAT-free shopping hits average spend

The Moodie Davitt Report – 29/10/2023



<https://www.moodiedavittreport.com/heathrow-airport-posts-healthy-rise-in-retail-revenue-but-removal-of-vat-free-shopping-hits-average-spend/>

### **The best lounges at London Heathrow — and how to get inside**

The Points Guy – 03/11/2023

<https://thepointsguy.com/guide/london-heathrow-lounges/>

### **The World's Busiest Airbus A380 Route: London Heathrow To Dubai International**

Simple Flying – 08/11/2023

<https://simpleflying.com/london-heathrow-dubai-international-airbus-a380-analysis/>

## **London Luton**

### **Luton Airport car park to be demolished after fire destroys more than 1,500 cars**

Airport Watch – 04/11/2023

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2023/11/luton-airport-car-park-to-be-demolished-after-fire-destroys-more-than-1500-cars/>

### **Luton Airport retains ESG sector leader title**

ADS Advance – 06/11/2023

<https://www.adsadvance.co.uk/luton-airport-retains-esg-sector-leader-title.html>

### **Supporting London Luton Airport on its route to net zero**

Turner & Townsend – 06/11/2023

<https://www.turnerandt Townsend.com/en/news/supporting-london-luton-airport-on-its-route-to-net-zero/>

## **London Southend**

### **London Southend Airport launches its largest Winter schedule in 4 years**

Aviation Source News – 02/11/2023

<https://aviationsourcenews.com/airline/london-southend-airport-launches-its-largest-winter-schedule-in-4-years/>

## **London Stansted**

### **Stansted Airport Watch to wind down after almost six decades of aviation activism**

Bishop's Stortford Independent – 06/11/2023



<https://www.bishopsstortfordindependent.co.uk/news/stansted-airport-watch-to-wind-down-after-almost-six-decades-9338395/>

## Manchester

**Manchester Airport fury as holidaymakers vent frustration at Ryanair check-in**

Mirror – 05/11/2023

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/manchester-airport-fury-holidaymakers-vent-31364339>

## Newcastle

**Newcastle International Airport wins ‘Star UK Airport’ award again**

Hexham Courant – 02/11/2023

<https://www.hexham-courant.co.uk/news/23895533.newcastle-international-airport-wins-star-uk-airport-award/>

**Newcastle International Airport waves off first flight to popular beach destination**

Bdaily – 08/11/2023

<https://bdaily.co.uk/articles/2023/11/08/newcastle-international-airport-waves-off-first-flight-to-popular-beach-destination>

## Southampton

**EasyJet starts Southampton domestic services**

Travel Weekly – 06/11/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/easyjet-starts-southampton-domestic-services>

## Teeside

**Teeside airport tops 11 years of passenger numbers**

Travel Weekly – 03/11/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/teeside-airport-tops-11-years-of-passenger-numbers>