

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.

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CURRENT NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

DfT Consultation: Sustainable aviation fuels revenue certainty mechanism: revenue certainty options

Closing date: 20/06/2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/sustainable-aviation-fuels-revenue-certainty-mechanism-revenue-certainty-options>

DfT Consultation: Night flight restrictions: Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted airports from October 2025

Closing date: 22/05/2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/night-flight-restrictions-heathrow-gatwick-and-stansted-airports-from-october-2025>

Law Commission Consultation: seeks views on regulation of self-flying and remotely piloted aircraft

Closing date – 27/05/2024

<https://lawcom.gov.uk/law-commission-seeks-views-on-regulation-of-self-flying-and-remotely-piloted-aircraft/>

PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

Aviation fuel plan: Measures announced to give UK aviation and the SAF industry the certainty to keep creating skilled British jobs while ensuring air travel is fit for the future

DfT written statement to parliament – 25/04/2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/aviation-fuel-plan>



Airspace World responds to ATM challenges

International Airport Review – 25/04/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/article/220033/airspace-world-responds-to-atm-challenges/>

April's Airline-Tech Innovations From Google, Aerocloud And Southwest

AOG Blog – 30/04/2024

https://www.oag.com/blog/april-edition-the-oag-airline-tech-innovation-radar?utm_medium=email&hsenc=p2ANqtz-9YQJsdC0C8mueims9vgOy57v68OfPGv3uwYu1kqUpXwwz2w02pxWHJLR5daekz0j6y2imp6StDmSZ5zga2S7PjfokRzg&hsmi=304986209&utm_content=304986209&utm_source=hs_email

Airspace Modernisation Support Fund - call for proposals now open

CAA 01/05/2024

<https://www.caa.co.uk/commercial-industry/airspace/airspace-modernisation/airspace-modernisation-strategy-support-fund/airspace-modernisation-strategy-support-fund/>

GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES

London Gatwick lends helping hand to good causes in Sussex, Surrey and Kent

01/05/2024

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-lends-helping-hand-to-good-causes-in-sussex-surrey-and-kent-274d-40f32.html>

London Gatwick to sponsor and support Crawley community event - STEM in the Park

26/04/2024

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-excited-to-sponsor-and-support-crawley-community-event-stem-in-the-park-9504-40f32.html>

GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA

Chris Packham backs campaigners calling for Gatwick Airport's expansion plans to be halted

ITV News – 02/05/2024

<https://www.itv.com/news/meridian/2024-05-02/chris-packham-backs-calls-for-gatwick-airports-expansion-plans-to-be-halted>



XR protest against Gatwick Airport expansion plans

The Argos -02/05/2024

<https://www.theargus.co.uk/news/24292781.xr-protest-gatwick-airport-expansion-plans/>

Beware of rogue 'meet and greet' parking firms: Urgent warning for holidaymakers flying from Gatwick airport this summer

Daily Mail – 29/04/2024

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-13362255/rogue-meet-greet-parking-firms-warning-Gatwick-airport.html>

Aviation expert pinpoints one concern about Gatwick's £2.2bn runway project

Express – 28/04/2024

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/1891477/london-gatwick-travel-new-runway-biggest-airport>

General Headlines

Passenger confusion over airport liquids rules 'will cause delays'

Travel Weekly – 29/04/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/passenger-confusion-over-airport-liquids-rules-will-cause-delays>

Border Force 'technical issues' cause chaos at major UK airports leaving passengers stuck in queues

Independent – 26/04/2024

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/border-force-airport-queues-gatwick-heathrow-manchester-b2535185.html>

Debt and lack of traffic hit small regional airports

Travel Weekly – 25/04/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/debt-and-lack-of-traffic-hit-small-regional-airports>

Two passenger jets forced to turn around due to Russian GPS jamming

The Standard – 30/04/2024

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/world/finland-russia-gps-jamming-passenger-jets-finnair-b1154505.html>



Air fares forecast to remain high amid constrained capacity

Travel Weekly – 26/04/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/air-fares-forecast-to-remain-high-amid-constrained-air-capacity>

Airline axes Scottish routes amid Brexit red-tape crew shortage crisis

Yahoo – 28/04/2024

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/airline-axes-scottish-routes-amid-134500022.html>

Jet2.com named Best Airline at Major European Aviation Awards Ceremony

NI Travel News – 26/04/2024

<https://nitravelnews.com/news/jet2-com-named-best-airline-at-major-european-aviation-awards-ceremony/>

Passenger news

Comment: New EU passenger rights proposed for ‘multimodal’ travel

Travel Weekly – 25/04/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/in-depth/comment/comment-new-eu-passenger-rights-proposed-for-multimodal-travel>

Superfast or superslow? A tale of three airports. Plane Talk: How to handle security queues – if other passengers and the airport staff allow

Independent – 01/05/2024

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/security-queues-airport-passengers-stansted-birmingham-b2537407.html>

Exciting new airline routes from April 2024 and beyond

The Points Guy – 01/05/2024

<https://thepointsguy.com/news/airline-route-news-april-2024/>

Industry news

NATS tops list of Europe’s Climate Leaders

NATS – 26/04/2024

<https://www.nats.aero/news/nats-tops-list-of-europes-climate-leaders/>



Environmental news

UK Clearing House for sustainable aviation fuels officially launches

University of Sheffield – 25/04/2024

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/news/uk-clearing-house-sustainable-aviation-fuels-officially-launches>

Government responds to airline demands to support UK SAF production

Travel Weekly – 25/04/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/government-responds-to-airline-demands-for-uk-saf-production>

The Government's Saf Mandate Aims To Boost The Use Of Alternative Fuels, But Making Jet Fuel From Waste Won't Solve The Aviation Emissions Problem

AEF – 25/04/2024

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2024/04/25/uk-saf-mandate-aef/>

OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Aberdeen

Aberdeen airport installs next generation security scanners

Travel Weekly – 25/04/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/aberdeen-airport-installs-next-generation-security-scanners>

Aberdeen Airport bosses holding talks with taxi drivers over proposals 'to improve the service for passengers'

Press & Journal – 25/04/2024

<https://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/fp/news/aberdeen-aberdeenshire/6446432/aberdeen-airport-talks-taxi-drivers/>

Belfast International

Belfast International Airport unveils newly expanded immigration arrivals area

Belfast Live – 29/04/2024

<https://www.belfastlive.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/belfast-international-airport-unveils-newly-29077757>



Birmingham

Airport blames hand-luggage confusion for security delays

Travel Gossip – 30/04/2024

<https://www.travelgossip.co.uk/latestnews/airport-blames-hand-luggage-confusion-for-security-delays/>

Airport passengers out of pocket after delays

BBC – 30/04/2024

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cmj6v4dvp15o>

East Midlands

East Midlands Airport could power 12,000 new UK jobs from growing cargo operation, says report

West Bridgford Wire – 29/04/2024

<https://westbridgfordwire.com/east-midlands-airport-could-power-12000-new-uk-jobs-from-growing-cargo-operation-says-report/>

Villagers near East Midlands Airport fear 'lack of transparency' over patch of land earmarked for development

Nottingham Post – 29/04/2024

<https://www.nottinghampost.com/news/business/villagers-near-east-midlands-airport-9249884>

Edinburgh

Edinburgh Airport trials free 1 Hour Parking access for twilight bag drop customers

Business Traveller – 01/05/2024

<https://www.businesstraveller.com/business-travel/2024/05/01/edinburgh-airport-trials-free-1-hour-parking-access-for-twilight-bag-drop-customers/>

Edinburgh Airport: Airline increases flights to three sun-soaked destinations from Edinburgh for summer 2024

Edinburgh News – 01/05/2024

<https://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/lifestyle/edinburgh-airport-airline-increases-flights-to-three-sun-soaked-destinations-from-edinburgh-for-summer-2024-4612079>



Farnborough

Farnborough Airport's Aviator Hampshire named UK's second best hotel

ADS Advance – 01/05/2024

<https://www.adsadvance.co.uk/farnborough-airport-s-aviator-hampshire-named-uk-s-second-best-hotel.html>

Glasgow

Why staff at Glasgow airport got major new pay offer

The Gazette – 30/04/2024

<https://www.the-gazette.co.uk/news/24289422.staff-glasgow-airport-got-major-new-pay-offer/>

Glasgow Prestwick

Flights Scotland: Over 1,000 polluting ghost flights at Scottish airports as SNP under fire for ditching emissions targets

The Scotsman – 29/04/2024

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/flights-scotland-over-1000-polluting-ghost-flights-at-scottish-airports-as-snp-under-fire-for-ditching-emissions-targets-4607256>

Leeds Bradford

Guaranteeing a smooth passenger experience at Leeds Bradford Airport: Chris Wilkinson of Leeds Bradford Airport explains how the airport is able to deliver on passenger experience needs

International Airport Review – 30/04/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/video/191579/guaranteeing-a-smooth-passenger-experience-at-leeds-bradford-airport/>

Leeds Bradford Airport £100 million terminal project to deliver expanded retail and F&B facilities

The Moodie Davitt Report – 29/04/2024

<https://moodiedavittreport.com/leeds-bradford-airport-100-million-terminal-project-to-deliver-expanded-retail-and-fb-facilities/>



London City

East London students win London City Airport's Women in Aviation challenge

Travel Daily Media – 01/05/2024

<https://www.traveldailymedia.com/east-london-students-win-london-city-airports-women-in-aviation-challenge/>

London Heathrow

Heathrow Airport: Border Force staff start strike action

BBC – 29/04/2024

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-68918989>

Heathrow refuelling workers call off strike

International Airport Review – 30/04/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/220801/heathrow-refuelling-workers-call-off-strike/>

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW: Wesley Lang, senior research and insight manager at Heathrow Airport

Passenger Terminal Today – 01/05/2024

<https://www.passengerterminaltoday.com/news/wayfinding/exclusive-interview-wesley-lang-senior-research-and-insight-manager-at-heathrow-airport.html>

London Heathrow is officially one of Europe's most stressful airports

Time Out – 25/04/2024

<https://www.timeout.com/london/news/london-heathrow-is-officially-one-of-europes-most-stressful-airports-042524>

Charlotte Douglas International Airport Reveals London Heathrow As Top International Destination

Simple Flying – 01/05/2024

<https://simpleflying.com/charlotte-douglas-international-airport-top-international-destination-london-2023/>

Heathrow T2 welcomes one millionth flight

Business Traveller – 29/04/2024

<https://www.businesstraveller.com/business-travel/2024/04/29/heathrow-t2-welcomes-one-millionth-flight/>



BA to increase Heathrow-Chicago frequency

Travel Weekly – 26/04/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/ba-to-increase-heathrow-chicago-frequency>

London Luton

London Luton Airport expansion will help Luton soar

Politics Home – 30/04/2024

<https://www.politicshome.com/members/article/london-luton-airport-expansion-help-luton-soar>

London Luton Airport Hit With Greenwashing Complaint Over Pro-expansion Ads

Desmog – 29/04/2024

<https://www.desmog.com/2024/04/29/london-luton-airport-hit-with-greenwashing-complaint-over-pro-expansion-ads/>

London Luton Airport and Wizz Air introduce quieter, fuel-efficient aircraft

Aviation 24 – 30/04/2024

<https://www.aviation24.be/airlines/wizz-air/london-luton-airport-and-wizz-air-introduce-quieter-fuel-efficient-aircraft/>

‘Unacceptable’ conditions at Luton airport migrant detention facility, says watchdog

The Standard – 30/04/2024

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/luton-airport-immigration-migrant-asylum-seekers-detention-centre-watchdog-b1154559.html>

London Stansted

Stansted Airport chaos as travellers miss flights after power cut causes two-hour queues

The Standard – 29/04/2024

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/transport/stansted-airport-disruption-power-cut-chaos-queues-delays-miss-flights-b1154416.html>

Stansted to consider refunding passengers hit by Monday’s power cut

Travel Gossip – 30/04/2024

<https://www.travelgossip.co.uk/latestnews/stansted-to-consider-refunding-passengers-hit-by-mondays-power-cut/>



Manchester

Fresh blow for airport named UK's 'most stressful' after being named country's 'worst'

Express – 29/04/2024

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/1893756/manchester-airport-stressful-uk>

Manchester Airport confirm they are replacing feature that travellers say 'has never worked'

Manchester Evening News – 30/04/2024

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/manchester-airport-confirm-replacing-feature-29084617>

Teesside

UK first for Teesside Airport as lounge to aircraft experience unveiled

Gazette Live – 26/04/2024

<https://www.gazettelive.co.uk/news/teesside-news/uk-first-teesside-airport-lounge-29065725>