

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: 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>

PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

Talking social-conscious innovation with AGS Airports

International Airport Review – 09/04/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/video/195925/talking-social-conscious-innovation-with-ags-airports/>

Biometrics key to airports being able to handle passenger boom

Regional Gateway – 09/04/2024

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/biometrics-key-to-airports-being-able-to-handle-passenger-boom/>

Strengthening aviation safety through bilateral arrangements

CAA blog – 05/04/2024

<https://www.caa.co.uk/newsroom/blogs/strengthening-aviation-safety-through-bilateral-arrangements/>

GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES

London Gatwick expands Asia connections with new flights to Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan

09/04/2024

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-expands-asia-connections-with-new-flights-to-azerbaijan-turkmenistan-and-uzbekistan-8011-40f32.html>



GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA

Gatwick Airport taxiway reduces delays and noise pollution

The Argus – 08/04/2024

<https://www.theargus.co.uk/news/24228220.gatwick-airport-taxiway-reduces-delays-noise-pollution/>

Can rail provide the services to match Gatwick's ambition?

Rail – 10/04/2024

<https://www.railmagazine.com/news/2024/04/09/can-rail-provide-the-services-to-match-gatwicks-ambition>

Three new carriers expand Gatwick long-haul network

Travel Weekly – 09/04/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/three-new-carriers-expand-gatwick-long-haul-network>

From the archive: The mystery of the Gatwick drone – podcast

The Guardian – 08/04/2024

<https://www.theguardian.com/news/audio/2024/apr/10/from-the-archive-the-mystery-of-the-gatwick-drone-podcast>

Air Peace denies leaving passenger at Gatwick Airport

The Nation – 09/04/2024

<https://thenationonlineng.net/air-peace-denies-leaving-passenger-at-gatwick-airport/>

General Headlines

Airport security liquids rule – what is changing?

Independent – 04/04/2024

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/100ml-liquid-rule-uk-airport-security-b2523140.html>

ABTA urges airline passengers to stick to existing rules for liquids and laptops

Travel Weekly – 10/04/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/abta-urges-airline-passengers-to-stick-to-existing-rules-for-liquids-and-laptops>

Europe's airline capacity proves 'lower than expected'

Travel Weekly – 10/04/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/europes-airline-capacity-proves-lower-than-expected>



Probe begins after B737 engine cowling falls off

Travel Weekly – 08/04/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/probe-begins-after-b737-engine-cowling-falls-off>

Boeing hit after new whistleblower raises safety concerns

BBC – 10/04/2024

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-68775413>

European carriers ‘can’t compete’ with non-EU rivals

Travel Weekly – 05/04/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/european-carriers-cant-compete-with-non-eu-rivals>

Zero to zillions: How much does it cost to reach your airport?

Yahoo – 10/04/2024

<https://au.news.yahoo.com/zero-zillions-much-does-cost-050000575.html>

Bromley Council calls for Biggin Hill airport noise action plan

This is Local London – 05/04/2024

<https://www.thisislocalondon.co.uk/news/24229481.bromley-council-calls-biggin-hill-airport-noise-action-plan/>

Passenger news

Three Tech Innovations Set To Transform The Passenger Experience And Operational Efficiency

OAG – 03/04/2024

https://www.oag.com/blog/innovation-passenger-experience-operational-efficiency?utm_medium=email&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-E4ZGeJlj294Ff6Rz7zykwJDd35pzKFM4sbToKEFOCVv5MSMteRSmvIxWe8U8YjZ1ROX3-WOqyf3qvFpOSXln7cW3H7w&_hsmi=301029486&utm_content=301029486&utm_source=hs_email

Revealed: The UK’s most delayed flight routes

Independent – 09/04/2024

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/most-delayed-flight-routes-uk-b2525548.html>



Man who designed new double-decker plane seats defends his idea to change air travel

Lad Bible – 07/04/2024

<https://www.ladbible.com/lifestyle/travel/double-decker-plane-seat-travel-airline-928198-20240403>

Industry news

Former Rolls-Royce boss Warren East appointed Chair of UK's air traffic control service

City AM – 10/04/2024

<https://www.cityam.com/former-rolls-royce-boss-warren-east-appointed-chair-of-uks-air-traffic-control-service/>

Aviation leaders urge sign off on airline mergers

Travel Weekly – 05/04/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/aviation-leaders-urge-sign-off-on-airline-mergers>

Environmental news

Sustainable Aviation Fuel market can skyrocket this much by 2030

Finbold – 05/04/2024

<https://finbold.com/sustainable-aviation-fuel-market-can-skyrocket-this-much-by-2030/>

EC defends SAF mandate and promises 'carrots' to come

Travel Weekly – 05/04/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/ec-defends-saf-mandate-and-promises-carrots-to-come>

OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Aberdeen

5th Annual Midnight Runway Run: A Night Of Charity and Excitement at Aberdeen International Airport

TTW – 10/04/2024

<https://www.travelandtourworld.com/news/article/5th-annual-midnight-runway-run-a-night-of-charity-and-excitement-at-aberdeen-international-airport/>



Belfast City

Belfast City Airport Names Air Ambulance NI As Official Charity Partner

4NI – 08/04/2024

<https://www.4ni.co.uk/northern-ireland-news/306717/belfast-city-airport-names-air-ambulance-ni-as-official-charity-partner>

Bristol

Bristol Airport defends parking cost after ranking among the priciest

Somerset Live – 07/04/2024

<https://www.somersetlive.co.uk/news/somerset-news/bristol-airport-defends-parking-cost-9210184>

East Midlands

New One Air 747-400 cargo operation takes off at East Midlands Airport

West Bridgford Wire – 08/04/2024

<https://westbridgfordwire.com/one-air-747-400-cargo-operation-takes-off-at-east-midlands-airport/>

Extra buses to East Midlands Airport as holiday season approaches

Leicester Mercury – 06/04/2024

<https://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/news/local-news/extra-buses-east-midlands-airport-9209564>

Edinburgh

United Airlines Celebrates 20 Years Of Edinburgh Service With Capacity Boost

Simple Flying – 07/04/2024

<https://simpleflying.com/united-airlines-20-years-edinburgh-service-capacity-boost/>

Edinburgh Airport unveils new Caffe Nero coffee shop

The Herald – 05/04/2024

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/24233972.edinburgh-airport-highlights-new-caffe-nero-coffee-shop/>



Exeter

Huge new range of flight destinations to take off from Exeter Airport

Torbay Today – 09/04/2024

<https://www.torbayweekly.co.uk/news/home/1470953/huge-new-range-of-destinations-to-take-off-from-exeter-airport.html>

Glasgow

Glasgow Airport has the UK's cheapest pint and highest ratings from travellers

Glasgow Live – 05/04/2024

<https://www.glasgowlive.co.uk/news/glasgow-news/glasgow-airport-uks-cheapest-pint-28938101>

London City

London City Airport parking named most expensive in the UK

SW Londoner – 04/04/2024

<https://www.swlondoner.co.uk/news/04042024-london-city-airport-parking-named-most-expensive-in-the-uk>

London Heathrow

Heathrow sale at risk of collapse after Australian investment giant pulls out

Telegraph – 06/04/2024

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/business/2024/04/06/heathrow-sale-risk-collapse-macquarie-rules-out-investment/>

Heathrow Advocates for Enhanced Connectivity as Government Ponders Airport Slots

Travel Pulse – 08/04/2024

<https://www.travelpulse.com/news/airlines-airports/heathrow-advocates-for-enhanced-connectivity-as-government-ponders-airport-slots>

Investigation started into Virgin Atlantic-BA wings clip incident at Heathrow

Travel Weekly – 08/04/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/investigation-started-into-virgin-atlantic-ba-wings-clip-incident-at-heathrow>



UK Border Force officers suspend Heathrow Airport strike action plan

Reuters – 05/04/2024

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/uk-border-force-officers-suspend-185149829.html>

Extinction Rebellion Heathrow activist sentenced over drone plan

BBC – 06/04/2024

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-68739970>

Pro Steel Engineering completes Heathrow Airport Tower Transformation project

News From Wales – 08/04/2024

<https://newsfromwales.co.uk/pro-steel-engineering-completes-heathrow-airport-tower-transformation-project/>

Aspiring professional pilots head to Heathrow

Flyer – 09/04/2024

<https://flyer.co.uk/aspiring-professional-pilots-head-to-heathrow/>

The perfect place to spot planes next to Heathrow Airport

Harrow Online – 07/04/2024

<https://harrowonline.org/2024/04/07/the-perfect-place-to-spot-planes-next-to-heathrow-airport/>

London Luton

Luton airport car park destroyed in fire ‘to be rebuilt by end of 2025’

Travel Weekly – 10/04/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/luton-airport-car-park-destroyed-in-fire-to-be-rebuilt-by-end-of-2025>

Dramatic Drone Footage Captures Full Extent Of Luton Airport Car Park Fire

TTG – 09/04/2024

<https://www.ttgmedia.com/news/dramatic-drone-footage-captures-full-extent-of-luton-airport-car-park-fire-45737>

Luton Airport: 'Car park fire turned my life upside down'

BBC – 10/04/2024

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-beds-bucks-herts-68716196>



Luton Airport reveals insurer progress on removing vehicles from destroyed car park

Insurance Times – 10/04/2024

<https://www.insurancetimes.co.uk/news/luton-airport-reveals-insurer-progress-on-removing-vehicles-from-destroyed-car-park/1451597.article>

More than 500,000 passengers use Luton Airport Express train service

Rail Advent – 10/04/2024

<https://www.railadvent.co.uk/2024/04/luton-airport-express-more-than-575000-customers-use-service-since-the-launch-of-the-luton-dart.html>

London Stansted

Stansted Airport Watch making noise about night flight consultation

Bishop's Stortford Independent – 05/04/2024

<https://www.bishopstortfordindependent.co.uk/news/stansted-airport-watch-making-noise-about-night-flight-consu-9360460/>