



# GATCOM WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

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**30 January 2025**

## CURRENT NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

### **DfT Open call for evidence - Integrated National Transport Strategy: a call for ideas**

Closing date: 20/02/2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/calls-for-evidence/integrated-national-transport-strategy-a-call-for-ideas/integrated-national-transport-strategy-a-call-for-ideas#how-to-respond>

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

Closing date: 10/02/2024

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

## PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

### **Transport and growth update: airport expansion and transition to greener aviation: Outlines the government's position on airport expansion and work being done on sustainable aviation fuels**

DfT – 29/01/2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/transport-and-growth-update-airport-expansion-and-transition-to-greener-aviation>

### **MAG taps into aviation data to improve efficiency**

Travel Weekly – 28/01/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/mag-taps-into-aviation-data-to-improve-efficiency>

### **Turbulence ahead...air traffic control and bad weather**

NATS blog – 24/01/2025



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## GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA

### **MPs call for delay to Gatwick expansion decision**

BBC – 27/01/2025

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c2d30z4ddy1o>

### **London Gatwick expansion: Chancellor Rachel Reeves backs third runway at Heathrow, but only makes passing reference to Gatwick in growth speech**

Sussex Express – 29/01/2025

<https://www.sussexexpress.co.uk/business/london-gatwick-expansion-chancellor-rachel-reeves-backs-third-runway-at-heathrow-but-only-makes-passing-reference-to-gatwick-in-growth-speech-4965473>

### **Gatwick chief welcomes Chancellor's support on airport growth**

Sussex Express – 29/01/2025

<https://www.sussexexpress.co.uk/business/gatwick-chief-welcomes-chancellors-support-on-airport-growth-4965661>

## General Headlines

### **Could Heathrow expansion really make us richer and more sustainable?**

i News – 29/01/2025

<https://inews.co.uk/news/heathrow-expansion-growth-make-richer-more-sustainable-3506967?ITO=newsnow>

### **Trio of airports set for growth as £1.53bn acquisition is completed**

Travel Weekly – 29/01/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/trio-of-airports-set-for-growth-as-1-53bn-acquisition-is-completed>

### **Airlines suffered rising en-route delays in Europe last year, official data confirms**

Travel Weekly – 23/01/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/airlines-suffered-rising-en-route-delays-in-europe-last-year-official-data-confirms>

### **Comment: Too good, too bad on UK's Electronic Travel Authorisation**

Travel Weekly – 28/01/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/comment-too-good-too-bad-on-uks-electronic-travel-authorisation>

## **Ryanair: ‘Boeing delays have forced us’ to slash passenger forecasts**

City AM – 27/01/2025

<https://www.cityam.com/ryanair-boeing-delays-have-forced-us-to-slash-passenger-forecasts/>

## **International operator ‘in the wings’ to run Doncaster Sheffield airport**

Travel Weekly – 27/01/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/international-operator-in-the-wings-to-run-doncaster-sheffield-airport>

### **Passenger news**

## **Survey shows rise in number of consumers planning to travel more in 2025**

Travel Weekly – 29/01/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/tourism/survey-shows-rise-in-number-of-consumers-planning-to-travel-more-in-2025>

### **Industry news**

## **CAA finalising policy on providing emissions info to consumers**

Travel Weekly – 24/01/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/caa-finalising-policy-on-providing-emissions-info-to-consumers>

## **Industry reacts to government Heathrow third runway support**

Travel Weekly – 29/01/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/industry-reacts-to-government-heathrow-third-runway-support>

## **ABTA welcomes Government announcement on airport expansion**

ABTA – 29/01/2025

<https://www.abta.com/news/abta-welcomes-government-announcement-airport-expansion>

## **ABTA identifies climate change as strategic risk to sector**

Travel Weekly – 28/01/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/tour-operators/abta-identifies-climate-change-as-strategic-risk-to-sector>

## Environmental news

### Environmentalists urge Reeves to rethink plans for airports and roads

Yahoo – 29/01/2025

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/environmentalists-urge-reeves-rethink-plans-115130379.html>

### 'Dystopian': Rachel Reeves backs third Heathrow runway. What will it mean for the planet?

Big Issue – 29/01/2025

<https://www.bigissue.com/news/environment/heathrow-airport-third-runway-rachel-reeves-backlash/>

### Analysis: UK would need forest 'twice size of London' to offset new airport expansion

Carbon Brief – 27/01/2025

<https://www.carbonbrief.org/analysis-uk-would-need-forest-twice-size-of-london-to-offset-new-airport-expansion/>

## OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

### Aberdeen

#### New Aberdeen Airport boss targets more routes for the city

Press & Journal – 29/01/2025

<https://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/fp/business/local/6681946/new-aberdeen-airport-boss-targets-more-routes-for-the-city/>

### Belfast International

#### Belfast airport closes smoking area due to vandalism

BBC – 22/01/2025

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c1we3l1q2e3o>

### Birmingham

#### BHX lands Birmingham Children's Hospital as its nominated charity

Birmingham World – 29/01/2025

<https://www.birminghamworld.uk/community/bhx-lands-birmingham-childrens-hospital-as-its-nominated-charity-4965671>

### Bristol

#### **Bristol Airport sorry after causing disabled woman to miss flight**

Somerset County Gazette – 27/01/2025

<https://www.somersetcountygazette.co.uk/news/24887386.bristol-airport-sorry-causing-disabled-woman-miss-flight/>

#### **Bristol Airport grants £118,000 to local community projects**

Rayo – 29/01/2025

<https://hellorayo.co.uk/greatest-hits/bristol/news/bristol-airport-fund/>

### East Midlands

#### **Chancellor announces massive manufacturing park partnership at East Midlands Airport and 2,000 jobs**

West Bridgford Wire – 29/01/2025

<https://westbridgfordwire.com/chancellor-announces-massive-manufacturing-park-at-east-midlands-airport-and-2000-jobs/>

### Edinburgh

#### **Locals have less than a week left to have their say on noise levels around Edinburgh Airport**

Deadline – 28/01/2025

<https://www.deadlinenews.co.uk/2025/01/28/locals-have-less-than-a-week-left-to-have-their-say-on-noise-levels-around-edinburgh-airport/>

### Farnborough

#### **Farnborough Airport to Launch New Airport Operations Training Course**

Travel Radar – 27/01/2025

<https://travelradar.aero/farnborough-airport-to-launch-new-airport-operations-training-course/>

### Glasgow Prestwick

#### **NATS Prestwick unveils plans for new staff wellbeing hub**

NATS – 21/01/2025

<https://www.nats.aero/news/nats-prestwick-unveils-plans-for-new-staff-wellbeing-hub/>

## Leeds Bradford

### Leeds Bradford Airport Aims To Expand European Route Network

Aviation Week – 28/01/2025

<https://aviationweek.com/air-transport/airports-networks/leeds-bradford-airport-aims-expand-european-route-network>

### Leeds Rhinos And Leeds Bradford Airport Form New Partnership

The Rhinos – 29/01/2025

<https://www.therhinos.co.uk/article/21283/leeds-rhinos-and-leeds-bradford-airport-form-new-partnership>

## Liverpool

### New ‘casual dining’ outlet opens at Liverpool Airport

Liverpool Business News – 23/01/2025

<https://lbdaily.co.uk/new-casual-dining-outlet-opens-at-liverpool-airport/>

## London City

### London City Airport Seeks CAA Approval For Airbus A320neo Operations

Aviation Week – 27/01/2025

<https://aviationweek.com/air-transport/airports-networks/london-city-airport-seeks-caa-approval-airbus-a320neo-operations>

### Could the Airbus A320neo open up a slew of new routes at London City Airport?

The Points Guy – 28/01/2025

<https://thepointsguy.com/news/london-city-airport-a320neo/>

## London Heathrow

### Reeves backs Heathrow expansion to boost UK growth

BBC – 29/01/2025

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cvg4d97wxgdo>

### What's the plan for a third runway at Heathrow Airport?

BBC – 28/01/2025

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cy8p579g5g5o>

### **Will London's MPs have a change of heart over third runway?**

BBC – 29/01/2025

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cy48j4z535ko>

### **Heathrow Airport: Full To Capacity And Holding Back Economic Growth**

OAG Blog – 29/01/2025

<https://www.oag.com/blog/what-do-expansion-plans-mean-for-heathrow-aviation-market-analysis-oag>

### **Will electric planes and sustainable fuel make Heathrow's third runway green?**

BBC – 28/01/2025

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cdjdz92v84do>

### **Heathrow Third Runway Must Not Undermine UK's Net Zero Goals, Transport Committee Chair Says**

Politics Home – 28/01/2025

<https://www.politicshome.com/news/article/heathrow-third-runway-undermine-uks-net-zero-goals-transport-committee-chair-claims>

### **Expanding Heathrow is incompatible with net zero – here's the evidence**

The Conversation – 23/01/2025

<https://theconversation.com/expanding-heathrow-is-incompatible-with-net-zero-heres-the-evidence-248090>

### **'Serious environmental and health concerns' over Heathrow third runway plans**

Get Surrey – 29/01/2025

<https://www.getsurrey.co.uk/news/surrey-news/serious-environmental-health-concerns-over-30890226>

### **Heathrow third runway: 'Most of the village would be demolished'**

BBC – 29/01/2025

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cn01xxky9lqo>

### **Heathrow's third runway is what Britain needs — and should make every Londoner happy**

The Standard – 29/01/2025

<https://www.standard.co.uk/comment/heathrow-third-runway-expansion-london-growth-b1207808.html>

### **BA owner won't back Heathrow expansion without fees overhaul**

London South East – 22/01/2025

<https://www.lse.co.uk/news/update-ba-owner-wont-back-heathrow-expansion-without-fees-overhaul-786hbetwwsh14bi.html>

### **Heathrow expansion will need airspace modernisation, Business Travel Association warns**

Travel Weekly – 28/01/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/heathrow-expansion-will-need-airspace-modernisation-business-travel-association-warns>

### **A long history of Heathrow's third runway plans**

Sky News – 29/01/2025

<https://news.sky.com/story/a-long-history-of-heathrows-third-runway-plans-13298778>

### **How 'mixed mode' could solve Heathrow's capacity crunch long before a third runway**

Independent – 29/01/2025

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/heathrow-mixed-mode-third-runway-b2687747.html>

### **No more tags? London taxi representatives reveal discussions around new Heathrow airport taxi app and virtual rank**

Taxi Point – 29/01/2025

<https://www.taxi-point.co.uk/post/no-more-tags-london-taxi-representatives-reveal-discussions-around-new-heathrow-airport-taxi-app-an>

## **London Luton**

### **London Luton marks UK ACI first**

Airports International – 27/01/2025

<https://www.airportsinternational.com/article/london-luton-marks-uk-aci-first>

## **London Stansted**

### **London Stansted Airport forms 'landmark' partnership**

Braintree & Witham Times – 23/01/2025

<https://www.braintreeandwithamtimes.co.uk/news/24876345.london-stansted-airport-forms-landmark-partnership/>



### Manchester

**'Manchester Airport charged me £100 for 20 seconds parking to pick my daughter up'**

Mirror – 28/01/2025

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/manchester-airport-charged-100-20-34565161>

### Southampton

**Southampton Airport worst in UK for cancellations in 2024**

Daily Echo – 29/01/2025

<https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/24890747.southampton-airport-worst-uk-cancellations-2024/>

**AviAlliance completes acquisition of Southampton Airport**

Daily Echo – 29/01/2025

<https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/24893213.avialliance-completes-acquisition-southampton-airport/>

### Teesside

**Teesside paves the way to becoming first Net Zero airport**

Regional Gateway – 24/01/2025

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/teesside-paves-the-way-to-becoming-first-net-zero-airport/>

**Electricity deal supports airport's green ambitions**

Bdaily – 23/01/2025

<https://bdaily.co.uk/articles/2025/01/23/electricity-deal-supports-airports-green-ambitions>