



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

CAA consultation: CAP3251: Heathrow capacity expansion – consultation on a shortlist of regulatory models

Closing date: 15/06/2026

<https://www.caa.co.uk/data-and-publications/publications/documents/content/cap3251/>

PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

New laws set to modernise aviation and better protect passengers

The Civil Aviation Bill will support airspace modernisation and enhance safety standards for passengers across the UK

DfT & CAA – 02/06/2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-laws-set-to-modernise-aviation-and-better-protect-passengers>

CAA annual progress report 2025: Progress made against the Airspace Modernisation Strategy during 2025

CAA & DfT – 02/06/2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/caa-annual-progress-report-2025>

NATS, DroneCloud and Network Rail complete trial to unlock drone operations around critical infrastructure

NATS – 03/06/2026

<https://www.nats.aero/news/nats-dronecloud-and-network-rail-complete-trial-to-unlock-drone-operations-around-critical-infrastructure/>

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GATWICK AIRPORT PRESS

London's Gatwick Airport Uses Nature-Based Solutions to Offset 10,000 Tonnes of Emissions

Carbon Credits – 03/06/2026

<https://carboncredits.com/londons-gatwick-airport-uses-nature-based-solutions-to-offset-10000-tonnes-of-emissions/>

Gatwick Airport among employers pledging 300,000 new work placements to tackle youth unemployment

Yahoo – 29/05/2026

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/gatwick-airport-among-employers-pledging-154450231.html>

Government takes control of Thameslink, Southern and Gatwick Express operator

Ian Visits – 31/05/2026

<https://www.ianvisits.co.uk/articles/government-takes-control-of-thameslink-southern-and-gatwick-express-operator-90117/>

General Headlines

CAA to gain new powers to fine airlines and airports via sweeping aviation rule changes

Travel Weekly – 02/06/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/caa-to-gain-new-powers-to-fine-airlines-and-airports-via-sweeping-aviation-rule-changes>

Airports say flights returning to normal after jet fuel supply delays

Independent – 01/06/2026

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/business/strait-of-hormuz-edinburgh-glasgow-airports-scottish-b2987109.html>

EES contingencies should be extended until October, industry leaders urge

Travel Weekly – 02/06/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/ees-contingencies-should-be-extended-until-october-industry-leaders-urge>

Aviation sector revives 'One Too Many' campaign for summer

Travel Weekly – 01/06/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/aviation-sector-revives-one-too-many-campaign-for-summer>

Passenger news

Rowdy passengers could be banned from all flights under new proposal

The Standard – 01/06/2026

<https://www.standard.co.uk/lifestyle/travel/rowdy-passengers-banned-easyjet-ryanair-b1284352.html>

Arrive three hours before your flight home, British holidaymakers warned

Metro – 30/05/2026

<https://metro.co.uk/2026/05/30/allow-3-hours-flight-home-due-ees-airport-delays-wizz-air-boss-warns-28578503/?ito=newsnow-feed>

Industry news

Global airline passenger traffic down for first time since Covid

Travel Weekly – 29/05/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/global-passenger-traffic-down-for-first-time-since-covid>

A new CAA website is on the way

CAA – 03/06/2026

<https://www.caa.co.uk/newsroom/blogs/a-new-cao-website-is-on-the-way/>

Environmental news

IATA and ICAO to deepen cooperation on boosting sustainable aviation fuels

Regional Gateway – 03/06/2026

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/iata-and-icao-to-deepen-cooperation-on-boosting-sustainable-aviation-fuels/>

UK aviation regulator opens applications for Hydrogen Challenge to advance cleaner aviation fuels

CAA – 02/06/2026

<https://www.caa.co.uk/newsroom/news/uk-aviation-regulator-opens-applications-for-hydrogen-challenge-to-advance-cleaner-aviation-fuels/>

OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Aberdeen

Aberdeen Airport workers ballot for industrial action amid escalating pay disputes

International Airport Review – 01/06/2026

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/aberdeen-airport-workers-ballot-for-industrial-action-amid-escalating-pay-disputes/2135522.article>

Belfast International

Artist Keith Drury unveils new work at Belfast International Airport

Northern Ireland World – 03/06/2026

<https://www.northernirelandworld.com/your-ni/lisburn-and-castlereagh/artist-keith-drury-unveils-new-work-at-belfast-international-airport-8656532>

Birmingham

Birmingham Airport announced as Official Airport of the Birmingham 2026 European Athletics Championships

Birmingham Airport – 03/06/2026

<https://www.birminghamairport.co.uk/latest-news/birmingham-airport-announced-as-official-airport-of-the-birmingham-2026-european-athletics-championships/>

Bristol

Unofficial airport car parks 'causing suffering'

BBC – 01/06/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cy02r9jz81po>

Mayor Refuses To Share Views On Airport Expansion

B24/7 – 03/06/2026

<https://www.bristol247.com/news-and-features/news/mayor-refuses-to-share-views-on-airport-expansion/>

East Midlands

Volunteers Week marked with litter picks by airport staff

East Midlands Airport – 03/06/2026

<https://mediacentre.eastmidlandsairport.com/volunteers-week-marked-with-litter-picks-by-airport-staff/>

First flight kickstarts new daily link to Jersey from East Midlands Airport

Derbyshire Times – 02/06/2026

<https://www.derbyshiretimes.co.uk/your-world/first-flight-kickstarts-new-daily-link-to-jersey-from-east-midlands-airport-8653632>

Edinburgh

Edinburgh Airport ranks among most expensive airports for drop-off charges after controversial price increase

Edinburgh News – 01/06/2026

<https://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/travel/travel-news/edinburgh-airport-ranks-as-one-of-most-expensive-for-drop-off-charges-after-controversial-price-increase-8652042>

Glasgow Prestwick

Glasgow Prestwick Airport Marks One Year Of Air China Cargo Operations

Air Cargo Week – 02/06/2026

<https://aircargoweek.com/glasgow-prestwick-airport-marks-one-year-of-air-china-cargo-operations/>

Inverness

Loganair to cut Inverness to island flights from July

BBC – 03/06/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cn5p0ydqInwo>

London City

London City Airport expansion - what are the environmental concerns as bosses urged to halt plans?

My London – 03/06/2026

<https://www.mylondon.news/news/transport/halt-london-city-airport-expansion-34053955>

London City Airport asked to pause expansion over aviation noise fears

The Standard – 03/06/2026

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/london-city-airport-flights-expansion-newham-b1284631.html>

London Heathrow

‘Heathrow investors will walk away if terminals are divided up’

Airport chief says New York-style multi-operator model would ‘cause national harm’

The Telegraph – 31/05/2026

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/business/2026/05/31/investors-will-walk-away-heathrow-breakup-plan-succeeds/>

Heathrow accused of ‘holding gun to head’ of Labour over third runway

The Telegraph – 01/06/2026

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/business/2026/06/01/heathrow-accused-holding-gun-head-of-labour-third-runway/>

‘Our village will be ruined by noise or destroyed by a runway’: The impossible future for Heathrow locals

Independent – 31/05/2026

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/heathrow-airport-third-runway-longford-village-noise-b2981276.html>

Heathrow faces nine-year wait to connect to grid as it plots expansion

London’s airport hub will require more electrical power for proposed third runway

The Telegraph – 31/05/2026

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/business/2026/05/30/heathrow-faces-nine-year-wait-connect-to-grid/>

From Heathrow To Heading Heston And Cranford’s Area Forum

Hounslow Herald – 03/06/2026

<https://hounslowherald.com/from-heathrow-to-heading-heston-and-cranfords-area-forum-p32505-95.htm>

WHILL Expands Global Autonomous Mobility Network with Heathrow Airport Launch

Access News Wire – 03/06/2026

<https://www.accessnewswire.com/newsroom/en/transportation/whill-expands-global-autonomous-mobility-network-with-heathrow-airport-launch-1172837>

London Heathrow (LHR) Has 7 Oneworld Lounges in Terminal 3: Which Is the Best?

Upgraded Points – 03/06/2026

<https://upgradedpoints.com/travel/airports/best-oneworld-lounges-london-heathrow-t3/>

London Southend

Southend Airport once again named UK's 'fastest growing'

Echo – 02/06/2026

<https://www.echo-news.co.uk/news/26158225.southend-airport-named-uks-fastest-growing/>

London Stansted

'Cheap' parking at Stansted airport cost me hundreds of pounds

The Guardian – 01/06/2026

<https://www.theguardian.com/money/2026/jun/01/cheap-parking-stansted-airport-hundreds-pounds-meet-greet>

Ryanair scraps numerous Stansted Airport routes amid costs

Colchester Gazette – 03/06/2026

<https://www.gazette-news.co.uk/news/26162352.ryanair-scraps-numerous-stansted-airport-routes-amid-costs/>

Stansted Airport volunteers give almost 5,000 hours

Saffron Walden Reporter – 02/06/2026

<https://www.saffronwaldenreporter.co.uk/news/26157821.stansted-airport-volunteers-give-almost-5-000-hours/>