

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: Draft Heathrow Expansion National Policy Statement proposed amendments

Closing Date: 01/09/2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/draft-heathrow-expansion-national-policy-statement-proposed-amendments>

CAA consultation: Economic Regulation of Heathrow Airport Limited: setting a holding price cap for 2027. This statutory consultation sets out our proposal on a holding price cap for 2027, the first year of the H8 price control

Closing date: 28/07/2026

<https://chatgpt.com/c/6a451220-8770-83eb-8823-bb753c5ac893>

CAA consultation: Consultation on Amendments to UK Reg (EU)139/2014 and CAP 168 - - the CAA proposes regulatory enhancements to strengthen safety, improve operational resilience and ensure greater clarity regarding aerodrome obligations in diversion scenarios.

Closing date: 21/09/2026

<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/airworthiness-policy-team/consultation-on-amendments-a/>

DfT call for evidence: SAF Mandate: SAF supply and industry certainty in an evolving market

Closing date: 28/07/2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/calls-for-evidence/saf-mandate-saf-supply-and-industry-certainty-in-an-evolving-market>

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PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

Study reveals ongoing barriers to truly accessible air travel

Research calls for a collaborative approach actively involving passengers with physical and mental disabilities in the design of new services and infrastructure

International Airport Review – 06/07/2026

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/passenger-journey-hub/study-reveals-ongoing-barriers-to-truly-accessible-air-travel/2135856.article>

The turnaround relay: why information, not just infrastructure, dictates punctuality

International Airport Review – 29/06/2026

https://www.internationalairportreview.com/airport-operations-and-resilience/the-turnaround-relay-why-information-not-just-infrastructure-dictates-punctuality/2135607.article?utm_campaign=25463_IAR%20-%20Newsletter%20-%20SPON%20-%20BEUMER%20-%2002.07.26&utm_medium=email&utm_source=International%20Airport%20Review&dm_i=7ZP5,JNB,FESRA,1WC6,1,0,0,0

Report reveals how the aviation industry is preparing to transport 10 billion passengers a year

Regional Gateway – 07/07/2026

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/report-reveals-how-the-air-transport-industry-is-preparing-to-move-10-billion-passengers-a-year/>

The Airport Operator magazine – Summer 2026 edition

https://airportsuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/AiportsUK-Magazine-Summer-2026_25-06i.pdf

Keeping aviation moving safely when weather hits

NATS blog – 03/07/2026

GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES

Air Arabia launches at London Gatwick with twice-daily Sharjah flights

06/07/2026

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/air-arabia-launches-at-london-gatwick-with-twice-daily-sharjah-flights-4be65-40f32.html>

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GATWICK AIRPORT PRESS

Environmental group seek to appeal High Court ruling on Gatwick Airport second runway

Local Government Lawyer – 06/07/2026

<https://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/planning/401-planning-news/101002-environmental-group-seek-to-appeal-high-court-ruling-on-gatwick-airport-second-runway>

Investigators tackle rogue Gatwick parking firms

BBC – 07/07/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c9d22nev2j5o>

Which Markets Could Grow at an Extended Gatwick Airport?

OAG – 01/07/2026

<https://www.oag.com/blog/markets-could-grow-extended-gatwick>

Gatwick Airport departures - Direct flight launched to UAE

London Now – 07/07/2026

<https://www.london-now.co.uk/news/26258000.gatwick-airport-departures---direct-flight-launched-uae/>

General Headlines

EU 'set to delay' Etias system after EES queue chaos

Travel Weekly – 07/07/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/eu-set-to-delay-etias-system-after-ees-queue-chaos>

Brits travelling to European airports face five-hour queues due to new border controls which could bring terminals to a 'complete standstill', aviation chiefs warn

Daily Mail – 08/07/2026

<https://www.dailymail.com/news/article-15961499/Brits-European-airports-queues.html>

Passenger news

Major UK airport e-gate change affecting 1,500,000 Brits comes into effect today

Metro – 08/07/2026

<https://metro.co.uk/2026/07/08/major-uk-airport-e-gate-change-affecting-1-500-000-brits-comes-effect-today-29085567/>

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Ryanair issues urgent passport changes warning that could make you miss your flight

LAD Bible – 02/07/2026

<https://www.ladbible.com/travel/ryanair-passport-changes-entry-exit-system-826071-20260702>

Industry news

NATS Swanwick solar project switched on

NATS – 06/07/2026

<https://www.nats.aero/news/nats-swanwick-solar-project-switched-on/>

EasyJet reaches agreement to sell majority stake to Castlelake

Travel Weekly 06/07/2026

<https://www.travelweekly.com/Travel-News/Airline-News/EasyJet-reaches-agreement-to-sell-majority-stake-to-Castlelake>

OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Aberdeen

Aberdeen Airport security staff call off summer strikes

Travel Weekly – 06/07/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/aberdeen-airport-security-staff-call-off-summer-strikes>

Belfast International

NATS signs new strategic partnership with Belfast International Airport

NATS – 06/07/2026

<https://www.nats.aero/news/nats-signs-new-strategic-partnership-with-belfast-international-airport/>

Birmingham

Carbon emissions continue to fall at Birmingham Airport

Airport World – 01/07/2026

<https://airport-world.com/carbon-emissions-continue-to-fall-at-birmingham-airport/>

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New eGate travel rules rolled out at Birmingham Airport from this week - all you need to know

Shropshire Star – 08/07/2026

<https://www.shropshirestar.com/news/new-egate-travel-rules-rolled-out-at-birmingham-airport-from-this-week-8784050>

Bristol

Bristol Airport welcomes electric bus fleet

Airports International – 07/07/2026

<https://www.airportsinternational.com/article/bristol-airport-welcomes-electric-bus-fleet>

East Midlands

East Midlands Airport strengthens position as “central driver of UK international trade” in year of investment

Insider Media – 07/07/2026

<https://www.insidermedia.com/news/midlands/east-midlands-airport-strengthens-position-as-central-driver-of-uk-international-trade-in-year-of-investment>

Edinburgh

Turnover and profits rise at Edinburgh Airport as demand continues for long-haul travel

Insider Media – 06/07/2026

<https://www.insidermedia.com/news/scotland/turnover-and-profits-rise-at-edinburgh-airport-as-demand-continues-for-long-haul-travel>

Edinburgh Airport backs new nature recovery programme

Edie – 08/07/2026

<https://www.edie.net/edinburgh-airport-backs-new-nature-recovery-programme/>

Glasgow

Revenues take flight at Glasgow Airport

Insider Media – 03/07/2026

<https://www.insidermedia.com/news/scotland/revenues-take-flight-at-glasgow-airport>

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Inverness

Inverness Airport Run the Runway event given £10k match funding boost

The Inverness Courier – 05/07/2026

<https://www.inverness-courier.co.uk/news/very-generous-match-funding-pledge-to-boost-run-the-runway-439256/>

London City

London City Airport's Vision For The Future

Key Aero – 06/07/2026

<https://www.key.aero/article/london-city-airports-vision-future>

London City Airport names new chief commercial officer

Newham Recorder – 07/07/2026

<https://www.newhamrecorder.co.uk/news/26256483.london-city-airport-names-new-chief-commercial-officer/>

London Heathrow

Heathrow Expansion Will Cause Enormous Environmental Impacts

AEF – 06/07/2026

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2026/07/06/heathrow-expansion-will-cause-enormous-environmental-impacts/>

'I'd rather just sit here until I die': The homeowners refusing to move in fight against Heathrow expansion as third runway plans spell death sentence for their villages

Daily Mail – 07/07/2026

<https://www.dailymail.com/news/article-15945095/Holdouts-fighting-against-Heathrow-runway-plans.html>

Iran-USA war takes its toll on London Heathrow traffic forecasts

Travel Mole – 08/07/2026

<https://travelmole.com/news/iran-usa-war-takes-its-toll-on-london-heathrow-traffic-forecasts>

Boosting passenger satisfaction and commercial success at Europe's busiest airport

Arup – 01/07/2026

<https://www.arup.com/projects/heathrow-airport-commercial-revenue-programme/>

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Solar panels installed at Heathrow Airport facility

Smart Cities World – 08/07/2026

<https://www.smartcitiesworld.net/solar-power/solar-panels-installed-at-heathrow-airport-facility-12997>

Avolta opens first Bill's restaurant at Heathrow Airport

TR Business – 08/07/2026

<https://www.trbusiness.com/regional-news/europe/avolta-opens-first-bills-restaurant-at-heathrow-airport/281044>

London Luton

How to master London Luton: the business traveller's guide to the capital's nimble low-cost gateway

Travelling for Business – July 2026

<https://travellingforbusiness.co.uk/guides/london-luton-airport-ltn-business-travel-guide-2026/>

Wizz Air expands Spanish network from Luton Airport

Travel Weekly – 08/07/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/wizz-air-expands-spanish-network-from-luton-airport>

London Southend

Business rates and National Insurance hikes 'really hurting' company, Southend Airport boss tells LBC

LBC – 05/07/2026

https://www.lbc.co.uk/article/business-rates-and-national-insurance-hikes-really-hurting-company-southend-airp-5HjdcWs_2/

easyJet announces new routes from London Southend to Lyon and Sharm el-Sheikh

Regional Gateway – 08/07/2026

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/easyjet-announces-new-routes-from-london-southend-to-lyon-and-sharm-el-sheikh/>

The creepy plane graveyard just outside London - no one knows why it's there

My London – 05/07/2026

<https://www.mylondon.news/news/east-london-news/creepy-plane-graveyard-just-outside-34210768>

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London Stansted

Villagers' fury as parking cowboys dig up a field to make an illegal Stansted Airport park and ride - and officials seem powerless to stop them

Daily Mail – 03/07/2026

<https://www.dailymail.com/news/article-15947201/Villagers-fury-parking-cowboys-dig-field-make-illegal-Stansted-Airport-park-ride-officials-powerless-stop-them.html>

Gatwick Airport parking horror as DOZENS scammed by 'dodgy' meet-and-greet with dirty cars found miles away

Mirror – 02/07/2026

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/gatwick-airport-parking-scam-cars-37377071>

Stansted Express trials running overnight trains on Friday nights

Ian Visits – 07/07/2026

<https://www.ianvisits.co.uk/articles/stansted-express-trials-running-overnight-trains-on-friday-nights-90906/>

Manchester

Manchester Airport Group issues statement after drop in passenger growth

Manchester Evening News – 02/07/2026

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/manchester-airport-group-issues-statement-34222607>

Newcastle

Newcastle Airport highlights progress towards net zero - “meaningful steps” taken across the business

Insider Media – 03/07/2026

<https://www.insidermedia.com/news/north-east/newcastle-airport-highlights-progress-towards-net-zero-meaningful-steps-taken-across-the-business>

Students' employment boost from Newcastle Airport scheme

The Northern Echo – 03/07/2026

<https://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/26243172.students-employment-boost-newcastle-airport-scheme/>