

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: Consultation on a Proposed Electronic Conspicuity Mandate in the UK

Closing date: 22/09/2026

<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/safety-and-airspace-regulation-group/ec-mandate/>

CAA consultation: Consultation on Amendments to UK Reg (EU)139/2014 and CAP 168 - Consultation relating to aircraft diversion and aircraft diversion plans at certified and licensed aerodromes

Closing date: 21/09/2026

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

PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

Ultrafine Particles White Paper

Sustainable Aviation – 27/08/2026

<https://www.sustainableaviation.co.uk/publications-and-resources/our-publications/ultrafine-particles-white-paper/>

Transforming the Skies: Systemisation

NATS blog – 27/08/2026

The UK needs a clear, coordinated airports strategy

CILT – 02/09/2026

<https://ciltuk.org.uk/news/the-uk-needs-a-clear-coordinated-airports-strategy/>

Heathrow Airport expansion risks for the Climate Change Act

Tyndall Centre – 03/09/2026

<https://tyndall.ac.uk/news/heathrow-airport-expansion-risks-for-the-climate-change-act-how-growing-airport-capacity-before-climate-technologies-succeed-will-break-the-uks-carbon-budget/>

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Developing faster indicators of transport activity: To monitor transport activity on a timelier basis for topical issues relating to transport

DfT official statistics – 09/09/2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/developing-faster-indicators-of-transport-activity>

September 2026: Airline Tech Puts a Price on Memory

OAG – 08/09/2026

<https://www.oag.com/blog/airline-tech-puts-a-price-on-memory>

GATWICK AIRPORT PRESS

Deep dive: Lessons from the Gatwick Airport judicial review claims

HSF Kramer – 01/09/2026

<https://www.hsfkramer.com/notes/energy-and-infra-consenting/2026-posts/deep-dive-lessons-from-the-gatwick-airport-judicial-review-claims>

Planes grounded at Gatwick after aircraft stuck on runway

BBC – 04/09/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c0klx2y08j0o>

Gatwick assisted travel staff to strike this month

Travel Gossip – 09/09/2026

<https://travelgossip.co.uk/latestnews/gatwick-assisted-travel-staff-to-strike-this-month/>

General Headlines

FNATS apologises after tech issue causes widespread disruption at UK airports

Travel Gossip – 08/09/2026

<https://travelgossip.co.uk/latestnews/nats-apologises-after-tech-issue-causes-widespread-disruption-at-uk-airports/>

UK air traffic chief rules out cyber attack after massive disruption

CNBC – 09/09/2026

<https://www.cnn.com/2026/09/09/uk-airport-disruption-heathrow-air-traffic-control.html>

**Transport Secretary does not believe air traffic control issue was ‘unavoidable’
Heidi Alexander told MPs that safety must remain air traffic controllers’ ‘over-riding priority’.**

The Standard – 09/09/2026

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/heidi-alexander-mps-nats-transport-secretary-b1296349.html>

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Airport chaos is a terrible advert for Britain

The Spectator – 09/09/2026

<https://spectator.com/article/airport-chaos-is-a-terrible-advert-for-britain/>

Who Pays the Price of the Latest Air Traffic Control Failure?

OAG – 09/09/2026

<https://www.oag.com/blog/flight-disruption-uk>

Ryanair urges extension of flexibility after 'shambolic' EES introduction

Travel Weekly – 07/09/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/ryanair-urges-extension-of-flexibility-shambolic-after-ees-introduction>

Airport bosses welcome consultation responses

BBC – 04/09/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cew9gx0e10yo>

Passenger news

Aviation faces hotter, stormier skies – and passengers might have to accept more disruption

BBC – 06/09/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cm274p8m88lo>

Best and worst UK airport lounges

Which? – 20/08/2026

https://www.which.co.uk/reviews/airports/article/best-uk-airport-lounges-aesGK0P1j9Vd?utm_source=ExactTarget&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=4703123-T_TN_EM_20260906&mi_u=227883672&mi_ecmp=T_TN_EM_20260906

Environmental news

In-depth: Exeter Airport winter hydrogen trial provides new evidence on dual-fuel ground power unit performance

International Airport Review – 09/09/2026

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/in-depth-exeter-airport-hydrogen-trial-reveals-winter-performance-data-for-ground-equipment-decarbonisation/2136416.article>

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OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Belfast City

Belfast City Airport Community Fund Opens For Applications

Business Eye – 08/09/2026

<https://www.busesseye.co.uk/news/belfast-city-airport-community-fund-opens-for-applications/>

Birmingham

Villagers living near Birmingham Airport reveal the truth about sleeping near a flight path

Birmingham Live – 06/09/2026

<https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/villagers-living-near-birmingham-airport-34571098>

Birmingham Airport teams up with students to explore future of Air Rail Link

Regional Gateway – 08/09/2026

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/birmingham-airport-teams-up-with-students-to-explore-future-of-air-rail-link/>

Edinburgh

Edinburgh Airport rated the UK's worst for baggage reclaim waiting times

The Scotsman – 09/09/2026

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/transport/edinburgh-airport-rated-the-uks-worst-for-baggage-reclaim-waiting-times-8980747>

Farnborough

This week in aviation history: 78 years since the first Farnborough Airshow

Aerospace Global News – 08/09/2026

<https://aerospaceglobalnews.com/news/farnborough-airshow-78-years-history-guide/>

Glasgow

'Little-known' Glasgow Airport feature every traveller should be using

Glasgow Live – 02/09/2026

<https://www.glasgowlive.co.uk/news/glasgow-news/little-known-glasgow-airport-feature-34577824>

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Leeds Bradford

Airport noise reduction plans 'nothing more than a tactic' - residents

BBC – 07/09/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cq5xw11w3g8o>

Liverpool

Liverpool Airport achieves record August passenger throughput

Travel Weekly – 02/09/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/liverpool-airport-achieves-record-august-passenger-throughput>

Liverpool John Lennon Airport named one of the best in the UK once again

Liverpool Express – 08/09/2026

<https://liverpoolexpress.co.uk/liverpool-john-lennon-airport-named-one-of-the-best-in-the-uk-once-again/>

London Heathrow

Government has 'given the go-ahead' to Heathrow expansion, says Chancellor

The Standard – 08/09/2026

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/politics/heathrow-john-healey-government-london-andy-burnham-b1296187.html>

Heathrow expansion incompatible with UK climate targets, major report finds

Geographical – 07/09/2026 [see full report in publications section]

<https://geographical.co.uk/news/heathrow-expansion-incompatible-with-uk-climate-targets-major-report-finds>

Mayor of London 'deeply concerned' by Heathrow expansion plans after consultation

Independent – 03/09/2026

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/heathrow-expansion-sadiq-khan-criticism-report-b3043959.html>

Heathrow Airport's Third Runway: Will It Ever Happen?

Londonist – 04/09/2026

<https://londonist.com/london/transport/what-s-happening-with-heathrow-airport-s-third-runway-plans>

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Heathrow expansion could revive plans for Elizabeth line extension to Staines

Ian Visits – 03/09/2026

<https://www.ianvisits.co.uk/articles/heathrow-expansion-could-revive-plans-for-elizabeth-line-extension-to-staines-92275/>

London Heathrow Airport runway closed due to grass fire

London Now – 05/09/2026

<https://www.london-now.co.uk/news/26525033.london-heathrow-airport-runway-closed-due-grass-fire/>

London Luton

Luton Airport achieves record summer with 5.5m passengers

Travel Weekly – 08/09/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/luton-airport-achieves-record-summer-with-55m-passengers>

Luton Airport turns to solar in push for net zero

Energy Live News – 09/09/2026

<https://www.energylivenews.com/2026/09/09/luton-airport-turns-to-solar-in-push-for-net-zero/>

London Stansted

London Stansted Airport - Hundreds stranded as shuttle service stops

London Now – 05/09/2026

<https://www.london-now.co.uk/news/26524862.london-stansted-airport---hundreds-stranded-shuttle-service-stops/>

Manchester

Manchester Airport journey stresses northern holidaymakers

The Press – 02/09/2026

<https://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/26510852.manchester-airport-journey-stresses-northern-holidaymakers/>