

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

New CAA consultation: CAA Statutory Charges Consultation 2026 – 2027

Closing date – 22/12/2025

<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/finance/caa-statutory-charges-consultation-26-27/>

ACOG consultation: Scottish Airspace Modernisation

Closing date: 25/01/2026

<https://scottishairspacemodernisation.co.uk>

DfT and Department for Energy Security and Net Zero consultation: UK Emissions Trading Scheme: Regional aviation connectivity - seeking views on the impact of the end of aviation free allocation in 2026 on regional connectivity

Closing date: 19 December 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/uk-emissions-trading-scheme-regional-aviation-connectivity>

MHCLG consultation: Home buying and selling reform [*Questions 7 and 8 give scope to comment on land use planning, aviation noise, and air quality*]

Closing date: 29/12/2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/home-buying-and-selling-reform/home-buying-and-selling-reform>

CAA Consultation on the airspace change process.

Closing date: 18/12/2025

<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/safety-and-airspace-regulation-group/airspace-change-process-2025/>

CAA Consultation on the requirement to publish information on mishandled mobility aids.

Closing date: 19/11/2025

<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/safety-and-airspace-regulation-group/consultation-mishandled-mobility-aids-information/>

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PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

Can Aviation Collaborate Its Way to Net Zero?

NATS blog – 12/11/2025

GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES

London Gatwick celebrates arrival of Jet2, becoming airline's newest airport base

12/11/2025

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-celebrates-arrival-of-jet2-becoming-airline-s-newest-airport-base-79203-40f32.html>

London Gatwick appoints new Head of Aviation Development

11/11/2025

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-appoints-new-head-of-aviation-development-611a8-40f32.html>

GATWICK AIRPORT PRESS

GACC submits judicial review to High Court against Gatwick Expansion Decision

<https://www.gacc.org.uk/resources/Press%20Release%2030%20Oct%20.pdf>

Judicial review challenge in relation to environmental impact of Gatwick Airport expansion

Burges Salmon – 11/11/2025

<https://www.burges-salmon.com/articles/102lu27/judicial-review-challenge-in-relation-to-environmental-impact-of-gatwick-airport/>

First Major Leisure Airline in 6 Years Arrives at London Gatwick

NI Travel News – 12/11/2025

<https://nitravelnews.com/news/first-major-leisure-airline-in-6-years-arrives-at-london-gatwick/>

London Gatwick appoints new head of aviation development

Passenger Terminal Today – 12/11/2025

<https://www.passengerterminaltoday.com/news/personnel/london-gatwick-appoints-new-head-of-aviation-development.html>

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Airline agrees temporary deal for London route

BBC – 07/11/2025

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c3dnmyjzdpdo.amp>

General Headlines

Aviation watchdog says organized drone attacks will shut UK airports ‘sooner or later’

The Register – 12/11/2025

https://www.theregister.com/2025/11/12/uk_aviation_boss_says_organized/

The airports where you don't need to get your passport out

The I Paper – 11/11/2025

<https://inews.co.uk/inews-lifestyle/travel/airports-where-dont-need-passport-out-4035074>

Passenger news

New £500 levy proposed for business class and private jet flyers at Cop30 climate summit

AOL – 11/11/2025

https://www.aol.com/articles/500-levy-proposed-business-class-081106943.html?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ29vZ2xlLmNvbS8&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAADPcEPL1bzxCyosu9jn7J7TdPUeDNP4n1LMpg7jQN2WopPbl66Si5bVsnlwK_OoGPVSSWoI6EB5utx-pz_S3nSbiyy6sgISgtKfRrE5QjrA_QSKN39bmRjeEFerWxPbVG6fVMJRTvi5uM20iHSksF_yscZbqSXXnmikqKDp8onb

Industry news

UK Civil Aviation Authority launches 2026/27 consultation to maintain value and modernise sector regulation: The CAA proposes smaller 2026/27 charge increases, funding safety, consumer protection, digital improvements and legislative reform while encouraging stakeholder feedback on future aviation services

International Airport Review – 11/11/2025

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/299329/uk-civil-aviation-authority-launches-2026-27-consultation-to-maintain-value-and-modernise-sector-regulation/>

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Lifetime of a journey: How EasyJet's low cost model changed air travel forever

ITV – 11/11/2025

<https://www.itv.com/watch/news/lifetime-of-a-journey-how-easyjets-low-cost-model-changed-air-travel-forever/6gbl31l>

Environmental news

The aviation industry's dirty tactics: Demands to include food-based biofuels in the fuel mix threaten landmark environmental reform

New Statesman – 10/11/2025

<https://www.newstatesman.com/spotlight/sustainability/climate/2025/11/the-aviation-industrys-dirty-tactics>

Singapore to introduce world's first green fuel levy on air travel

CILT – 11/11/2025

<https://ciltuk.org.uk/News/Latest-News/ArtMID/6887/ArticleID/38262/Singapore-to-introduce-world's-first-green-fuel-levy-on-air-travel>

OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Aberdeen

Aberdeen Airport praised for best in UK flight punctuality

The Herald – 12/11/2025

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/25616439.aberdeen-airport-praised-best-uk-flight-punctuality/>

Belfast City

Aer Lingus Regional Introduces Bag Drop Kiosks At Belfast City Airport

Business Eye – 12/11/2025

<https://www.busesseye.co.uk/news/aer-lingus-regional-introduces-bag-drop-kiosks-at-belfast-city-airport/>

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Belfast International

Department refuses to release feasibility study into train line to Belfast International Airport on the grounds that the minister has not made a decision yet

News Letter – 07/11/2025

<https://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/transport/departments-refuses-to-release-feasibility-study-into-train-line-to-belfast-international-airport-on-the-grounds-that-the-minister-has-not-made-a-decision-yet-5392684>

Birmingham

Birmingham Airport Appoints Arup to Develop Future Masterplan; Birmingham Airport (BHX) has appointed global built environment consultancy Arup to lead the development of its next Masterplan, setting out a long-term vision for the airport's growth and transformation through to 2041

Birmingham Airport – 10/11/2025

<https://www.birminghamairport.co.uk/latest-news/birmingham-airport-appoints-arup-to-develop-future-masterplan/>

Busiest October ever for Birmingham Airport

Insider Media – 12/11/2025

<https://www.insidermedia.com/news/midlands/busiest-october-ever-for-birmingham-airport>

Bristol

Bristol Airport launches consultation on runway approach lighting

ADS Advance – 10/11/2025

<https://www.adsadvance.co.uk/bristol-airport-launches-consultation-on-runway-approach-lighting.html>

BRISTOL AIRPORT ENFORCEMENT: 92 Taxi And Private Hire Checks See Strong Compliance Across Ten Different Licensing Authorities

Taxi Point – 12/11/2025

<https://www.taxi-point.co.uk/post/bristol-airport-enforcement-92-taxi-and-private-hire-checks-see-strong-compliance-across-ten-differ>

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East Midlands

East Midlands Airport sees surge in cargo growth following expansion plans

The Business Desk – 09/11/2025

<https://www.thebusinessdesk.com/eastmidlands/news/2104086-east-midlands-airport-sees-surge-in-cargo-growth-following-expansion-plans>

Edinburgh

All the proposed changes to Edinburgh Airport runway ahead of £30million project

Yahoo – 07/11/2025

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/proposed-changes-edinburgh-airport-runway-121353916.html>

Glasgow Prestwick

Glasgow Prestwick Airport holidaymaker 'furious' after car stripped for parts

Glasgow Live – 12/11/2025

<https://www.glasgowlive.co.uk/news/glasgow-news/glasgow-prestwick-airport-holidaymaker-furious-32856637>

Leeds Bradford

Leeds Bradford Airport HR Team Named Yorkshire's Best

Yorkshire Press – 06/11/2025

<https://theyorkshirepress.co.uk/news/leeds-bradford-airport-hr-team-named-yorkshires-best/>

Liverpool

Busy October for LJLA as record breaking summer season comes to an end

Liverpool Chamber – 12/11/2025

<https://www.liverpoolchamber.org.uk/news/2025/11/busy-october-for-ljla-as-record-breaking-summer-season-comes-to-an-end/#:~:text=As%20the%20summer%20season%20drew,Liverpool%20their%20airport%20of%20choice.>

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London Heathrow

'Heathrow should be expanded without moving M25'

BBC – 10/11/2025

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/crk1pv6vgr3o>

British Airways owner threatens to shift investment to Madrid amid Heathrow row

Yahoo – 10/11/2025

<https://uk.finance.yahoo.com/news/british-airways-owner-threatens-shift-184106679.html>

Heathrow rail link 'would stop ridiculous routes'

BBC – 10/11/2025

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/ckgy9x84087o>

Rail link between Heathrow Airport and Staines backed by Spelthorne but with conditions attached

Get Surrey – 10/11/2025

<https://www.getsurrey.co.uk/news/surrey-news/rail-link-between-heathrow-airport-32847650>

New Heathrow railway must not harm moors - council

BBC – 11/11/2025

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/clv98g1v393o>

London Heathrow warns UK government on 'punitive' business rates

Business Travel News – 11/11/2025

<https://www.businesstravelnewseurope.com/Air-Travel/London-Heathrow-warns-UK-government-on-punitive-business-rates>

London Heathrow Records Strong October Passenger Growth and On-Time Performance, Poised for Major Expansion Boosting UK Tourism

Travel and Tour World – 12/11/2025

<https://www.travelandtourworld.com/news/article/london-heathrow-records-strong-october-passenger-growth-and-on-time-performance-poised-for-major-expansion-boosting-uk-tourism/>

Heathrow on cards for easyJet 'if price is right' says airline CEO

Independent – 10/11/2025

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/easyjet-heathrow-kenton-jarvis-b2862080.html>

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Riyadh Air plots Heathrow expansion

Yahoo – 10/11/2025

<https://uk.finance.yahoo.com/news/riyadh-air-plots-heathrow-expansion-010356915.html>

The world's best airports for business travellers revealed - and Heathrow fails to make the top ten

Daily Mail – 05/11/2025

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/travel/article-15256847/worlds-best-airports-business-travellers-Heathrow.html>

Heathrow Airport launches early careers innovation competition

New Civil Engineer – 07/11/2025

<https://www.newcivilengineer.com/latest/heathrow-airport-launches-early-careers-innovation-competition-07-11-2025/>

London Luton

Luton Airport faces potential Christmas disruption as DHL staff ballot over easyJet pay dispute: Check-in and baggage staff at Luton Airport employed by DHL could strike over pay, threatening easyJet operations during the busy Christmas period

International Airport Review – 10/11/2025

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/299253/london-luton-strike-updates/>

London Luton and Lagardère aim to set new duty-free benchmark for mid-sized airports

The Moodie Davitt Report – 12/11/2025

<https://moodiedavittreport.com/interview-london-luton-and-lagardere-travel-retail-aim-to-set-new-duty-free-benchmark-for-mid-sized-airports/>

London Stansted

London Stansted Airport records busiest ever October

Braintree and Witham Times – 12/11/2025

<https://www.braintreeandwithamtimes.co.uk/news/25614045.london-stansted-airport-records-busiest-ever-october/>

Community and transport partners unite to boost sustainable travel

Stansted Airport – 11/11/2025

https://www.airport-suppliers.com/airport_press_release/community-and-transport-partners-unite-to-boost-sustainable-travel/

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Manchester

Manchester Airport worst in the country for delays in 2025, new figures show

Manchester Evening News – 12/11/2025

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/manchester-airport-worst-country-delays-32857748>

UK runs first-ever facial recognition trial for passport-free immigration clearance at Manchester Airport

Economic Times – 12/11/2025

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/nri/visit/uk-runs-first-ever-facial-recognition-trial-for-passport-free-immigration-clearance-at-manchester-airport/articleshow/125270479.cms?from=mdr>

Newcastle

Newcastle Airport recognized for strong passenger accessibility performance

Passenger Terminal Today – 10/11/2025

<https://www.passengerterminaltoday.com/news/accessibility/newcastle-airport-recognized-for-strong-passenger-accessibility-performance.html>

Southampton

Southampton Airport branded one of the world's friendliest airports

Yahoo – 06/11/2025

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/southampton-airport-branded-one-worlds-144030920.html>

Teesside

Teesside Airport launches new flights as passenger numbers rise

Sunderland Echo – 06/11/2025

<https://www.sunderlandecho.com/business/teesside-airport-launches-new-flights-as-passenger-numbers-rise-5391761>