



# GATCOM WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

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**08 MAY 2026**

## CURRENT NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

### **NI government consultation on aviation policy**

Closing date: 22/05/2026

<https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/consultations/aviation-policy>

## PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

### **DfT research and analysis: Flights removed from the schedule: UK aviation A summary of the analysis conducted to calculate the number of passenger flights removed from the schedule between 3 May 2026 and 14 June 2026**

DfT – 08/05/2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flights-removed-from-the-schedule-uk-aviation>

### **eReport: Innovating the baggage handling operation for the future of air travel**

International Airport Review – 07/05/2026

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/reports/ereport-innovating-the-baggage-handling-operation/2135340.article>

### **Great British Railways and the public ownership programme**

DfT – 08/06/2026

[https://www.gov.uk/guidance/great-british-railways?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm\\_source=207ee8cd-fcf6-480d-b499-1c71a684805e&utm\\_content=immediately](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/great-british-railways?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=207ee8cd-fcf6-480d-b499-1c71a684805e&utm_content=immediately)

### **Understanding the factors that influence people's decision to travel by train.**

DfT – 12/06/2026

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/understanding-the-factors-that-influence-peoples-decision-to-travel-by-train?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm\\_source=2edc3abc-78f4-4817-83cf-1b7ce45d43d0&utm\\_content=immediately](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/understanding-the-factors-that-influence-peoples-decision-to-travel-by-train?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=2edc3abc-78f4-4817-83cf-1b7ce45d43d0&utm_content=immediately)

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## GATWICK AIRPORT PRESS

### **New Gatwick Airport bus route Roadshow stops in Hailsham**

Hailsham News 07/05/2026

<https://hailsham.news/new-gatwick-airport-bus-route-roadshow-stops-in-hailsham/>

### **Gatwick Airport acquires on-airport cargo centre**

AirCargo News 07/06/2026

<https://www.aircargonews.net/cargo-airport/2026/05/gatwick-airport-acquires-on-airport-cargo-centre/>

## General Headlines

### **Millions of passengers at risk of flight cancellations under Labour plans**

Telegraph – 11/05/2026

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/business/2026/05/11/millions-of-passengers-risk-of-flight-cancellations/>

### **Middle East airport disruptions trigger major passenger cargo and financial losses across global aviation network amid continuing regional military conflict and airspace restrictions**

International Airport Review – 13/05/2026

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/middle-east-airport-disruption-causes-major-global-aviation-impact/2135446.article>

### **Post-summer fallout from oil crisis and potential cost of living shock could hit European aviation**

Travel Weekly – 13/05/2026.

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/post-summer-fallout-from-oil-crisis-and-potential-cost-of-living-shock-could-hit-european-aviation>

### **UK flight cancellations increase as soaring jet fuel prices hit**

Independent – 13/05/2026

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/flight-cancellations-uk-jet-fuel-shortage-prices-b2975487.html>

### **Aviation fuel switch ‘could ease pressure’ on supplies if Iran war continues**

Travel Weekly – 08/05/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/aviation-fuel-switch-could-ease-pressure-on-supplies-if-iran-war-continues>

### **ABTA and DfT move to calm fears over flight cancellations**

Travel Gossip – 07/05/2026.

<https://travelgossip.co.uk/latestnews/abta-and-dft-move-to-calm-fears-over-flight-cancellations/>

### **Heathrow, Gatwick revolt over Labour flight cancellation plans**

City AM – 12/05/2026

<https://www.cityam.com/heathrow-gatwick-revolt-over-labour-flight-cancellation-plans/>

### **BA owner ‘confident’ over summer jet fuel supplies amid ‘robust’ travel demand**

Travel Weekly – 08/05/2026.

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/ba-owner-confident-over-summer-jet-fuel-supplies-amid-robust-travel-demand>

### **Wizz Air delivers positive outlook despite Iran war uncertainty over fuel costs and travel demand**

Travel Weekly – 12/05/2026.

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/wizz-air-delivers-positive-outlook-despite-iran-war-uncertainty-over-fuel-costs-and-travel-demand>

## **Passenger news**

### **British holidaymakers to avoid ‘burden’ of biometric check delays this summer, Greece pledges**

Travel Weekly – 11/05/2026.

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/british-holidaymakers-to-avoid-burden-of-biometric-check-delays-this-summer-greek-tourism-minister-pledges>

## **Industry news**

### **NATS welcomes licence change to enable UK Airspace Design Service**

NATS – 07/05/2026

<https://www.nats.aero/news/nats-welcomes-licence-change-to-enable-uk-airspace-design-service/>

### **Trade rallies round to provide context on flight cancellations**

Travel Weekly – 07/05/2026.

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/trade-rallies-round-to-provide-context-on-flight-cancellations>

### **UK political instability paralysing travel sector, warn industry leaders**

Travel Weekly – 12/05/2026.

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/uk-political-instability-paralysing-travel-sector-warn-industry-leaders>

### **Environmental news**

### **The top 10 most polluting airports have been revealed – and three of them are in Europe**

Euro News – 13/05/2026

<https://www.euronews.com/2026/05/13/these-three-airports-produce-three-times-more-co2-than-the-city-of-paris-and-one-is-in-eur>

### **OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS**

#### **Belfast City**

### **Profits rose by over 40pc at Belfast City Airport in 2025 to £5.2m**

Belfast Telegraph – 13/05/2026

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/business/profits-rose-by-over-40pc-at-belfast-city-airport-in-2025-to-£5.2m/a/151559270.html>

### **George best Belfast City Airport outranks Heathrow and Manchester in EV-friendliness**

News Letter – 07/05/2026

<https://www.newsletter.co.uk/your-world/george-best-belfast-city-airport-outranks-heathrow-and-manchester-in-ev-friendliness-8512563>

#### **Birmingham**

### **Birmingham Airport expands hospitality offering with new lounge upgrades**

Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce – 13/05/2026

<https://www.greaterbirminghamchambers.com/resource/birmingham-airport-expands-hospitality-offering-with-new-lounge-upgrades.html>

#### **Bristol**

### **Bristol Airport expansion would absorb neighbouring Cook's Farm**

South West Farmer – 12/05/2026

<https://www.southwestfarmer.co.uk/news/26082241.bristol-airport-transform-expansion-plans/>

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### **Bristol Airport taxi and PHV crackdown sees drivers SUSPENDED instantly after dangerous tyres discovered**

Taxi Point – 10/05/2026

<https://www.taxi-point.co.uk/post/bristol-airport-taxi-and-phv-crackdown-sees-drivers-suspended-instantly-after-dangerous-tyres-discov>

### **East Midlands**

#### **East Midlands Airport scores 97% good to excellent rating**

Regional Gateway – 11/05/2026

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/east-midlands-airport-scores-97-good-to-excellent-rating/>

#### **Why East Midlands Airport is quietly becoming one of Britain's biggest success stories**

The Business Desk – 08/05/2026

<https://www.thebusinessdesk.com/eastmidlands/news/2110265-why-east-midlands-airport-is-quietly-becoming-one-of-britain-s-biggest-success-stories>

### **Edinburgh**

#### **Edinburgh Airport arrivals hall 'very industrial and dated' - chief executive Gordon Dewar**

The Scotsman – 13/05/2026

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/transport/edinburgh-airport-arrivals-hall-very-industrial-and-dated-chief-executive-gordon-dewar-8541418>

#### **Edinburgh Airport hikes drop-off fees to offset £8m business rates bill**

Insider Media – 11/05/2026

<https://www.insidermedia.com/news/scotland/edinburgh-airport-hikes-drop-off-fees-to-offset-8m-business-rates-bill>

#### **Edinburgh Airport Delivers £2.7 Billion Boost to Scotland's Economy**

Aviation Source News – 10/05/2026

<https://aviationsourcenews.com/edinburgh-airport-delivers-2-7-billion-boost-to-scotlands-economy/>

### **Glasgow**

#### **Emirates hosted travel rehearsal day at Glasgow Airport**

Glasgow Times – 13/05/2026

<https://www.glasgowtimes.co.uk/news/26103878.emirates-hosted-travel-rehearsal-day-glasgow-airport/>

### **The history of Glasgow Airport in 14 nostalgic pictures as the airport celebrates 60 years since opening**

Glasgow World – 11/05/2026

<https://www.glasgowworld.com/retro/the-history-of-glasgow-airport-in-14-nostalgic-pictures-as-the-airport-celebrates-60-years-since-opening-8515972>

### **Inverness**

### **Tourism leaders express concern at air traffic control shortages at Inverness Airport**

STV – 08/05/2026

<https://news.stv.tv/highlands-islands/tourism-leaders-express-concern-at-air-traffic-control-shortages-at-inverness-airport>

### **Leeds Bradford**

### **Leeds Bradford Airport cleared for 941 annual night flights**

Telegraph and Argus – 13/05/2026.

<https://www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk/news/26104716.leeds-bradford-airport-cleared-941-annual-night-flights/>

### **Liverpool**

### **Ryanair introduces 13 new flights from Liverpool John Lennon Airport**

Echo – 11/05/2026

<https://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/whats-on/whats-on-news/ryanair-introduces-13-new-flights-33923739>

### **London Heathrow**

### **Heathrow sees lowest number of passengers in a year due to ongoing conflict**

CILT – 12/05/2026

<https://ciltuk.org.uk/news/heathrow-sees-lowest-number-of-passengers-in-a-year-due-to-ongoing-conflict/>

### **London airport named the world's number one for shopping**

My London – 13/05/2026

<https://www.mylondon.news/news/west-london-news/london-airport-named-worlds-number-33933933>

### **London's Heathrow Express to be axed?**

Executive Traveller – 11/05/2026

<https://www.executivetraveller.com/news/london-s-heathrow-express-to-be-axed>

### **Heathrow Express Review Could Boost Local Services**

Neighbournet – 06/05/2026

<https://neighbournet.com/server/common/eacrossrail014.htm>

## **London Luton**

### **London Luton Airport takes customer experience to new heights**

Luton Airport – 12/05/2026

[https://www.airport-suppliers.com/airport\\_press\\_release/london-luton-airport-takes-customer-experience-to-new-heights/](https://www.airport-suppliers.com/airport_press_release/london-luton-airport-takes-customer-experience-to-new-heights/)

## **London Southend**

### **The only way is Essex: London Southend Airport grows most in the UK with 161% passenger surge**

Aerospace Global News – 07/05/2026

<https://aerospaceglobalnews.com/news/london-southend-uk-airports-passenger-growth/>

## **London Stansted**

### **Strike threat at Stansted averted as airport reports record April**

Travel Weekly – 12/05/2026.

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/strike-threat-at-stansted-averted-as-airport-reports-record-april>

### **Stansted Airport: New passenger record despite Middle East conflict**

[Bishop's Stortford Independent – 12/05/2026](https://www.bishopstortfordindependent.co.uk/news/new-record-for-stansted-airport-in-april-despite-conflict-in-9465470/)

<https://www.bishopstortfordindependent.co.uk/news/new-record-for-stansted-airport-in-april-despite-conflict-in-9465470/>

## **Manchester**

### **Why a small Northern piece of HS2 could unlock more transport improvements Key Manchester Airport link could boost links across the North West and Yorkshire**

Business Live – 12/05/2026

<https://www.business-live.co.uk/economic-development/small-northern-piece-hs2-could-33933275>



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**New £45 billion Northern Powerhouse Rail plans including new Manchester Airport route outlined in King's Speech**

Manchester Evening News – 13/05/2026

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/new-45-billion-northern-powerhouse-33939512>