

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.

25 September 2025

CURRENT NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

New CAA Consultation on the airspace change process.

The UK Civil Aviation Authority has launched a consultation on reforms to the UK's airspace change process, a key part of the UK's wider programme to modernise airspace.

Closing date: 18/12/2025

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

New CAA Consultation on the requirement to publish information on mishandled mobility aids: the CAA is considering introducing a requirement on airlines to publish information on mobility aid transportation, and the incidence of mobility aid loss, delay and damage when being transported by air. We believe that being able to access this information would be beneficial to consumers, empowering consumers to make an informed choice about travelling with their mobility aid

Closing date: 19/11/2025

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

DfT Consultation: UK airspace design service: proposed modifications to NERL licence terms. In line with the government's decision to establish a UK airspace design service (UKADS), we are seeking views on proposed modifications to the terms of the NATS (En Route) plc (NERL)

Closing date: 01/10/2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/uk-airspace-design-service-proposed-modifications-to-nerl-licence-terms>

MHCLG Consultation: Consultation on streamlining infrastructure planning - seeks views on changes to guidance, services operated by the public sector, and secondary legislation under the Planning Act 2008 to streamline the infrastructure planning process for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects

Closing date: 27/10/2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-streamlining-infrastructure-planning/consultation-on-streamlining-infrastructure-planning#chapter1>

PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

Gatwick Airport Northern Runway development consent decision announced
The Gatwick Airport Northern Runway application has been granted development consent by the Secretary of State for Transport

Planning Inspectorate – 22/09/2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/gatwick-airport-northern-runway-development-consent-decision-announced>

Charting a vision for environmental reporting in aviation

CAA – 18/09/2025

<https://www.caa.co.uk/newsroom/blogs/charting-a-vision-for-environmental-reporting-in-aviation/>

CAP3153: UK Aviation Environmental Review Roadmap - sets out the CAA's initial Roadmap for the future development of the UK Aviation Environmental Review

CAA – 18/09/2025

<https://www.caa.co.uk/our-work/publications/documents/content/cap3153/>

IATA issues 'call to action' over drive towards net zero aviation emissions by 2050

Travel Weekly – 24/09/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/iata-issues-call-to-action-over-drive-towards-net-zero-aviation-emissions-by-2050>

OAG Megahubs 2025

Discover The Most Connected Airports In The World

<https://www.oag.com/megahubs-airports-2025>

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Calling all aviators! Government launches applications for next round of DfT aviation ambassadors

DfT – 22/09/2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/calling-all-aviators-government-launches-applications-for-next-round-of-dft-aviation-ambassadors>

GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES

London Gatwick welcomes government approval of Northern Runway plans

21/09/2025

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-welcomes-government-approval-of-northern-runway-plans-4279b-40f32.html>

GAIL's takes off: Beloved brand opens first airport bakery at London Gatwick

19/09/2025

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/gails-takes-off-beloved-brand-opens-first-airport-bakery-at-london-gatwick-b70c6-40f32.html>

GATWICK AIRPORT PRESS

UK Transport Secretary Approves Plan for Second Runway at Gatwick Airport
Subsequently, this move would increase flight figures at Gatwick Airport from 280,000 per year to 389,000 per year by the late 2030s

NI Travel News – 23/09/2025

<https://nitravelnews.com/news/uk-transport-secretary-approves-plans-for-second-runway-at-gatwick-airport/>

What is Gatwick's expansion plan and who will pay for it?

ITV – 22/09/2025

<https://www.itv.com/news/meridian/2025-09-22/what-is-gatwicks-expansion-plan-and-who-will-pay-for-it>

'Build the runways': Not as compelling as 'smash the gangs' but Gatwick expansion is easier to achieve

Independent – 22/09/2025

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/gatwick-airport-expansion-runway-heathrow-labour-b2831199.html>

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GACC Condemns Government Approval of Gatwick Northern Runway Expansion

GACC 21/09/2025

<https://www.gacc.org.uk/resources/Press%20Release%2010925.pdf>

Gatwick expansion sparks mixed local reaction

BBC – 22/09/2025

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cy7pe68dv8po>

Gatwick airport risks ‘immediate legal action’ over expansion plans

Yahoo – 22/09/2025

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/gatwick-airport-could-face-immediate-155502729.html>

I live under Gatwick’s flight path – the second runway is my nightmare

Metro – 23/09/2025

<https://metro.co.uk/2025/09/23/living-gatwicks-flight-path-torture-get-worse-24238526/>

CILT(UK) react to Gatwick Airport second runway plans

CILT – 24/09/2025

<https://ciltuk.org.uk/News/Latest-News/ArtMID/6887/ArticleID/38200/CILTUK-react-to-Gatwick-Airport-second-runway-plans>

‘It’s London pricing’: Britain’s most divisive bakery has opened at Gatwick

Yahoo – 19/09/2025

<https://uk.style.yahoo.com/gail-opened-gatwick-breakfasts-costing-132327155.html>

Survey shows support for a night flight ban

CAGNE- 21/09/2025

<https://cagne.org/survey-shows-support-for-a-night-flight-ban/>

Travel Industry Awards 2025 winners revealed – London Gatwick Airport wins UK & Ireland Airport of the Year

Ttg – 24/09/2025

<https://www.ttgmedia.com/travel-industry-awards-assets/travel-industry-awards-2025-winners-revealed>

General Headlines

Ransomware Attack Disrupts Air Traffic Across Europe

Silicon – 22/09/2025

<https://www.silicon.co.uk/security/cyberwar/europe-airport-ransomware-626777>

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What caused cyber attack that crippled major airports including Heathrow – and could it be a test for something bigger?

Independent – 21/09/2025

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/heathrow-brussels-berlin-airport-cyber-attack-delays-b2830693.html>

Man arrested in connection with cyber-attack on airports

BBC – 24/09/2025

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c62ldxyj431o>

The UK airlines with the worst flight delays

Independent – 19/09/2025

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/flight-delays-tui-whizz-air-ryanair-b2828472.html>

Why are flight delays getting worse?

Which? – 24/09/2025

<https://www.which.co.uk/news/article/why-are-flight-delays-getting-worse-aZOIX6q9w794>

15 surprising statistics about air travel

Yahoo – 22/09/2025

<https://uk.style.yahoo.com/15-surprising-statistics-air-travel-150000439.html>

Passenger news

Ryanair delays digital boarding pass switch

Travel Weekly – 24/09/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/ryanair-delays-digital-boarding-pass-switch>

Industry news

Regulator publishes ‘Delivery Model’ for commercial eVTOL flights

CAA – 18/09/2025

<https://www.caa.co.uk/newsroom/news/regulator-publishes-delivery-model-for-commercial-evtol-flights/>

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Tech innovations, workforce challenges and airport development all under the spotlight at this year's inter airport Europe

Regional Gateway – 22/09/2025

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/tech-innovations-workforce-challenges-and-airport-development-all-under-the-spotlight-at-this-years-inter-airport-europe/>

Environmental news

Can the UK expand airports and still hit climate targets?

BBC – 22/09/2025

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cx2jpn881w0o>

'A Disaster': Labour Accused Of Ditching Climate Change Pledges Over Gatwick Expansion

Huffington Post – 22/09/2025

https://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/a-disaster-labour-accused-of-ditching-climate-change-pledges-over-gatwick-expansion_uk_68d0e6c5e4b00815ca12edaf?origin=home-politics-grid-unit

Potential for carbon removal and storage exaggerated, warn scientists

Travel Weekly – 22/09/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/potential-for-carbon-removal-and-storage-exaggerated-warn-scientists>

OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Aberdeen

[It's just Logical – Working with Flylogix to create a Blueprint for BVLOS operations.](#)

NATS blog – 23/09/2025

Belfast City

Belfast City Airport could become Ireland's first rail-connected airport

CILT – 17/09/2025

<https://ciltuk.org.uk/News/Latest-News/ArtMID/6887/ArticleID/38192/Belfast-City-Airport-could-become-Irelands-first-rail-connected-airport>

Belfast International

MLAs debate Belfast airport rail link plan ahead of autumn decision

Belfast Live – 19/09/2025

<https://www.belfastlive.co.uk/news/belfast-news/mlas-debate-belfast-airport-rail-32502767>

Birmingham

New AI-Powered Initiative to Provide 'Connected Personal Experiences' at Birmingham Airport

Birmingham Airport – 23/09/2025

<https://www.birminghamairport.co.uk/latest-news/new-ai-powered-initiative-to-provide-connected-personal-experiences-at/>

Birmingham Airport holds successful employment initiative

ARGS – 24/09/2025

<https://airlinergs.com/birmingham-airport-holds-successful-employment-initiative/>

Bristol

Bristol Airport Sets New Summer Records with Over One Million Passengers and Boosts Travel Connectivity

Travel and Tour World – 23/09/2025

<https://www.travelandtourworld.com/news/article/bristol-airport-sets-new-summer-records-with-over-one-million-passengers-and-boosts-travel-connectivity/>

Bristol Airport relaunches employment programme for young people

Business Live – 22/09/2025

<https://www.business-live.co.uk/enterprise/bristol-airport-relaunches-employment-programme-32523856>

East Midlands

The underrated regional British airport that wants to become a major hub for flights to Europe

Time Out – 24/09/2025

<https://www.timeout.com/uk/news/the-underrated-regional-british-airport-that-wants-to-become-a-major-hub-for-flights-to-europe-092425>

Edinburgh

Edinburgh airport workers back new pay deal averting strikes

Unite – 19/09/2025

<https://www.unitetheunion.org/news-events/news/2025/september/edinburgh-airport-workers-back-new-pay-deal-averting-strikes>

Farnborough

Farnborough Airport revises flight expansion plans

Alton Herald – 22/09/2025

<https://www.altonherald.com/news/farnborough-airport-revises-flight-expansion-plans-834678>

Glasgow

Runners take off at Glasgow Airport for historic night-time fun run

STV – 18/09/2025

<https://news.stv.tv/west-central/runners-take-off-at-glasgow-airport-for-historic-night-time-fun-run>

Glasgow Prestwick

Council officially scraps plans for Prestwick Spaceport

Ayr Advertiser – 19/09/2025

<https://www.ayradvertiser.com/news/25481141.council-officially-scraps-plans-prestwick-spaceport/>

Glasgow Prestwick Airport builds stronger export ties with Air China Cargo

CAAS – 18/09/2025

<https://caasint.com/glasgow-prestwick-airport-builds-stronger-export-ties-with-air-china-cargo/>

Leeds Bradford

Ryanair Announces New Direct Route from Leeds Bradford to Warsaw: A Boost for Yorkshire Travelers

Travel and Tour World – 23/09/2025

<https://www.travelandtourworld.com/news/article/ryanair-announces-new-direct-route-from-leeds-bradford-to-warsaw-a-boost-for-yorkshire-travelers/>

Liverpool

UK's best airport introduces new check-in rules promising early morning fliers 'more time to relax' before take off

Daily Mail – 22/09/2025

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/travel/article-15122207/uk-best-airport-new-check-rules-early-morning-fliers.html>

Protein Works partners with Liverpool Airport to enhance passenger experience with hydration-focused activation

Retail Times – 23/09/2025

<https://retailtimes.co.uk/protein-works-partners-with-liverpool-airport-to-enhance-passenger-experience-with-hydration-focused-activation/>

London City

The best airport in London is adding more flights to European holiday destinations

Time Out – 19/09/2025

<https://www.timeout.com/london/news/the-best-airport-in-london-is-adding-more-flights-to-european-holiday-destinations-091925>

Latham & Watkins Advises on London City Airport's Refinancing

Latham & Watkins – 17/09/2025

<https://www.lw.com/en/news/2025/09/latham-advises-on-london-city-airports-refinancing>

London Heathrow

Ministers yet to seek climate advice on Heathrow expansion

BBC – 19/09/2025

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c0jq43yx35o>

What swayed the decision for second Gatwick runway and what does it mean for Heathrow?

The Guardian – 22/09/2025

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2025/sep/22/what-swayed-the-decision-for-second-gatwick-runway-and-what-does-it-mean-for-heathrow>

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Sadiq Khan: Gatwick expansion means we don't need a third Heathrow runway

Yahoo – 23/09/2025

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/sadiq-khan-gatwick-expansion-means-152238001.html>

Arora's Heathrow dream promises better future for London airport

The National – 24/09/2025

<https://www.thenationalnews.com/business/aviation/2025/09/24/aroras-heathrow-dream-promises-better-future-for-london-airport/>

Heathrow's third runway and the other public transport projects that will reshape London by 2035

Yahoo – 22/09/2025

https://uk.news.yahoo.com/heathrows-third-runway-other-public-181525816.html?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly9jLm5ld3Nub3cuY28udWsv&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAAKi9eIuFsga5AafVINcLwaqAjEoFv0ig_yxewWR9fpd4Flpe1CUCs4r2MAM1HZk8P0Pc0AqJLWihn_G88oNJNTbhH4b5_INdyXEfAuQknMy7beR91ECZtm8eJHYK3lnHyYLbsJXpFy6FXIjw_n5txvKbFs4EdFMoCjwmenji_Wu

London Heathrow is officially the most connected airport in the world

Time Out – 24/09/2025

<https://www.timeout.com/london/news/london-heathrow-is-officially-the-most-connected-airport-in-the-world-092425>

Heathrow reopens 'World of Opportunity' initiative to support aspiring exporters in the West Midlands

Express & Star – 24/09/2025

<https://www.expressandstar.com/your-world/2025/09/24/heathrow-reopens-world-of-opportunity-initiative-to-support-aspiring-exporters-in-the-west-midlands/>

Heathrow among airports hit by cyber-attack

Daily Business Group – 20/09/2025

<https://dailybusinessgroup.co.uk/2025/09/heathrow-among-airports-hit-by-cyber-attack/>

Heathrow drivers told to pre-register for new taxi feeder system or risk losing access

Taxi Point – 24/09/2025

<https://www.taxi-point.co.uk/post/heathrow-drivers-told-to-pre-register-for-new-taxi-feeder-system-or-risk-losing-access>

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OneRepublic's Ryan Tedder calls out 'insane' treatment at Heathrow Airport in furious rant

Standard – 18/09/2025

<https://www.standard.co.uk/showbiz/onerepublic-ryan-tedder-heathrow-airport-b1248450.html>

Value Group's VG Lounge At Heathrow Elevates UK Passenger Experience

Travel and Tour World – 24/09/2025

<https://www.travelandtourworld.com/news/article/value-groups-vg-lounge-at-heathrow-elevates-uk-passenger-experience/>

London Luton

London Luton Airport announces £1.5m Public Transport Investment Fund as multi-storey Terminal Car Park 2 reopens

Luton Today – 24/09/2025

<https://www.lutontoday.co.uk/community/london-luton-airport-announces-ps15m-public-transport-investment-fund-as-multi-storey-terminal-car-park-2-reopens-5332561>

London Luton Airport opens new landside bar

International Airport Review – 22/09/2025

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/296483/london-luton-airport-opens-new-landside-bar/>

London Southend

London Southend Airport rolls out the red carpet for its half-a-millionth passenger

ARGS – 22/09/2025

<https://airlinergs.com/london-southend-airport-rolls-out-the-red-carpet-for-its-half-a-millionth-passenger/>

London Stansted

Chaos at Stansted airport following fire in lounge

Independent – 24/09/2025

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/stansted-airport-fire-lounge-ryanair-jet2-passengers-b2832532.html>

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Manchester

Manchester Airport announces Mumbai route expansion bringing huge economic boost to the region

Manchester Evening News – 22/09/2025

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/manchester-airport-announces-mumbai-route-32523605>

Manchester Airport issues statement after passenger films mice in terminal

Manchester Evening News – 24/09/2025

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/manchester-airport-issues-statement-after-32538417>

Newcastle

Newcastle Airport sees revenues soar as passenger numbers top five million

Yahoo – 24/09/2025

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/newcastle-airport-sees-revenues-soar-084332693.html>

Southampton

Concerns raised about Southampton Airport's plans to cut down mature trees in cemetery

ITV – 23/09/2025

<https://www.itv.com/news/meridian/2025-09-23/talks-being-held-about-felling-mature-trees-from-airports-flight-path>