

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/>

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: 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

Air passenger experience of security screening: 2025

Results from a short set of questions about experiences of security screening from the CAA Departing Passenger Survey at selected UK airports in 2025

DfT – 26/08/2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/air-passenger-experience-of-security-screening-2025>

Air traffic control is becoming more automated. Is regulation keeping up

The Conversation – 23/08/2026

<https://theconversation.com/air-traffic-control-is-becoming-more-automated-is-regulation-keeping-up-288444>

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GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES

London Gatwick reports solid first half operational and financial performance as Northern Runway cleared for take off

26/08/2026

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-reports-solid-first-half-operational-and-financial-performance-as-northern-runway-cleared-for-take-off-38e89-40f32.html>

GATWICK AIRPORT PRESS

Gatwick profits fall as Iran war sees passenger numbers drop

The Standard – 26/08/2026

<https://www.standard.co.uk/business/business-news/london-gatwick-iran-west-sussex-heidi-alexander-travellers-b1294667.html>

Gatwick urges action in budget on business rates as passenger numbers decline

Travel Weekly – 26/08/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/gatwick-urges-action-in-budget-on-business-rates-as-passenger-numbers-decline>

140 vehicles damaged in blaze at car park used by Gatwick passengers

Travel Gossip – 24/08/2026

<https://travelgossip.co.uk/latestnews/140-vehicles-damaged-in-blaze-at-car-park-used-by-gatwick-passengers/>

General Headlines

Which UK airports will actually need more capacity by 2050?

UK air travel could grow 68% by 2050, but the capacity crunch will not be evenly spread. New DfT data reveals which airports will fill terminals and runways

ADS Advance – 26/08/2026

<https://www.adsadvance.co.uk/uk-airports-capacity-2050-dft-forecast/>

Air traffic control sees fewer delays despite record flights

Travel Weekly – 23/08/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air-traffic-control-sees-fewer-delays-despite-record-flights>

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Airport runway collisions and near-misses are happening more frequently, 22 years of data show

The Conversation – 25/08/2026

<https://theconversation.com/airport-runway-collisions-and-near-misses-are-happening-more-frequently-22-years-of-data-show-290158>

Why do people stowaway on planes and has anyone survived after man found dead at Gatwick Airport?

My London – 26/08/2026

<https://www.mylondon.news/news/uk-world-news/people-stowaway-planes-anyone-survived-34518892>

Environmental news

Nova Pangaea Technologies completes sustainable aviation fuel trials

The Northern Echo – 26/08/2026

<https://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/26491596.nova-pangaea-technologies-completes-sustainable-aviation-fuel-trials/>

Could your next European holiday be on an electric plane?

The Standard – 26/08/2026

<https://www.standard.co.uk/lifestyle/travel/electric-passenger-planes-europe-b1294613.html>

OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Belfast City

Airport bidding for more passengers and later flights

BBC – 25/08/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cx2zyjkxjngo>

Belfast City Airport ramps up Master Plan 2040 vision

ADS Advance – 26/08/2026

<https://www.adsadvance.co.uk/belfast-city-airport-ramps-up-master-plan-2040-vision/>

Belfast City Airport and Translink partner to explore enhanced rail connection

Belfast City Airport – 20/08/2026

<https://www.belfastcityairport.com/News/Belfast-City-Airport-and-Translink-Partner>

Birmingham

Birmingham Airport reaches major fundraising milestone

Solihull Observer – 26/08/2026

<https://solihullobsver.co.uk/news/birmingham-airport-reaches-major-fundraising-milestone/>

Bristol

Bristol Airport car park 'unlawful' despite operating for 20 years

Somerset Live – 26/08/2026

<https://www.somersetlive.co.uk/news/somerset-news/bristol-airport-car-park-unlawful-11122502>

East Midlands

East Midlands Airport upgrades safety for its firefighters

Marketing Nottingham – 21/08/2026

<https://marketingnottingham.uk/east-midlands-airport-upgrades-safety-for-its-firefighters/>

Glasgow

New account to give glimpse into 2007 Glasgow Airport attack

Glasgow Times – 23/08/2026

<https://www.glasgowtimes.co.uk/news/26488074.new-account-give-glimpse-2007-glasgow-airport-attack/>

Inverness

Inverness Airport Run the Runway event for Maggie's Highlands raises £43,500

Inverness Courier – 26/08/2026

<https://www.inverness-courier.co.uk/news/runway-fundraiser-sees-another-big-turnout-for-charity-443431/>

Leeds Bradford

Leeds Bradford Airport unveils plans to update night flights conditions

Yorkshire Evening Post – 24/08/2026

<https://www.yorkshireeveningpost.co.uk/news/traffic-and-travel/leeds-bradford-airport-plans-to-update-night-flights-conditions-8938502>

EasyJet to stop Leeds Bradford Airport services next year

Travel Weekly – 20/08/2026

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/easyjet-to-stop-leeds-bradford-airport-services-next-year>

London City

London City Airport says expansion would be ‘part of the East London growth story’

Waltham Forest Echo – 20/08/2026

<https://walthamforestecho.co.uk/2026/08/20/london-city-airport-says-expansion-would-be-part-of-the-east-london-growth-story/>

London City Airport could transform the capital's economy - so why are holding it back?

LBC – 25/08/2026

https://www.lbc.co.uk/article/london-city-airport-could-transform-the-capitals-economy-opinion-5HjdgT7_2/

Why thousands of Londoners live near London City Airport but can't get there easily

Yahoo – 20/08/2026

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/why-thousands-londoners-live-near-040000783.html>

London Heathrow

Airlines consider judicial review in battle over Heathrow third runway - Opponents build war chest to bring potential legal challenge over airport's £49bn plan

Telegraph – 23/08/2026

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/business/2026/08/23/airlines-plot-war-chest-for-heathrow-battle/>

Residents near Heathrow unhappy with compensation

BBC – 24/08/2026

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c0m7dp7ee3mo>

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Heathrow expansion 'is threat to England's largest surviving medieval barn'
Campaigners warn 600-year-old New Barn at Harmondsworth could be 'shaken to pieces' by vibrations

Guardian – 23/08/2026

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2026/aug/23/heathrow-expansion-is-threat-to-englands-largest-surviving-medieval-barn>

LTDA presses Heathrow Airport to open taxi feeder park access to more drivers on waiting list

Taxi Point – 24/08/2026

<https://www.taxi-point.co.uk/post/lt-da-presses-heathrow-airport-to-open-taxi-feeder-park-access-to-more-drivers-on-waiting-list>

London Luton

Luton Airport 'sale' process being readied for take-off. The council-owned company behind Britain's fifth-biggest passenger airport has appointed bankers to prepare the sale of its operating rights when the current deal expires in 2032

Sky – 25/08/2026

<https://news.sky.com/story/luton-airport-sale-process-being-readied-for-take-off-13576907>

London Luton Airport becomes first UK airport to install emergency anaphylaxis kits

Future Travel Experience – 25/08/2026

<https://www.futuretravelexperience.com/2026/08/london-luton-airport-becomes-first-uk-airport-to-install-emergency-anaphylaxis-kits/>

London Stansted

Plans to stop 'dangerous' parking near Stansted Airport

Essex Live – 25/08/2026

<https://www.essexlive.news/news/essex-news/plans-stop-dangerous-parking-near-11126917>

Manchester

Police issue update after Manchester Airport security breach sparks travel chaos

Manchester Evening News – 23/08/2026

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/police-issue-update-after-manchester-34503758>