



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: 2024 Consultation on the Future Direction of the UK Aviation Environmental Review

Closing date: 10/12/2024

<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/policy-development/aviation-environmental-review-consultation/>

CAA Consultation: Consumer Environmental Information: Consultation on draft principles for aviation consumer environmental information

Closing date: 15/10/2024

<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/policy-development/consumer-environmental-information-consultation/>

PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

Night-time noise linked to restless nights for airport neighbours

University of Leicester – 25/09/2024

[https://le.ac.uk/news/2024/september/aircraft-noise#:~:text=Higher%20levels%20of%20night-time%20aircraft%20noise%20\(55%20dB%20or,sleep%20rhythm%20was%20less%20regular](https://le.ac.uk/news/2024/september/aircraft-noise#:~:text=Higher%20levels%20of%20night-time%20aircraft%20noise%20(55%20dB%20or,sleep%20rhythm%20was%20less%20regular)

Air travel soars in 2023 as industry embraces digital and sustainable future

International Airport Review – 30/09/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/230418/air-travel-soars-in-2023-as-industry-embraces-digital-and-sustainable-future/>

Passenger Terminal World – latest issue

<https://passengerterminalworld.mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?i=831893>

Communicating during travel disruption: Findings from a study that explored best communication practices during international travel disruption

DfT Research – 26/09/2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/communicating-during-travel-disruption>



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Best and worst airport parking

Which? report – 27/09/2024

<https://www.which.co.uk/reviews/airports/article/airport-parking/best-airport-parking-aXleY8Z9aFm3>

Reach for the Sky evaluation: Evaluating the success of the first year of the Reach for the Sky Challenge Fund and its ability to get young people into aviation careers

DfT Research – 26/09/2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reach-for-the-sky-evaluation>

PCS hosts international aviation meeting

Public and Commercial Services Union – 27/09/2024

<https://www.pcs.org.uk/news-events/news/pcs-hosts-international-aviation-meeting>

GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES

Inaugural Innovation Summit focuses on opportunities for local businesses

27/09/2024

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/inaugural-innovation-summit-focuses-on-opportunities-for-local-businesses-766f8-40f32.html>

London Gatwick first UK airport to earn ACI accessibility accreditation

30/09/2024

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-first-uk-airport-to-earn-aci-accessibility-accreditation-b564d-40f32.html>

GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA

Gatwick becomes first UK airport to receive ACI accessibility accreditation

Travel Weekly – 30/09/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/gatwick-becomes-first-uk-airport-to-receive-aci-accessibility-accreditation>

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General Headlines

Diversions, disruptions: aviation grapples with Middle East escalation

Yahoo – 02/10/2024

<https://ca.news.yahoo.com/diversions-disruptions-aviation-grapples-middle-090649129.html>

Foreign Office issues airport warning for Brits over huge passport rule change that's just weeks away

Lad Bible – 30/09/2024

<https://www.ladbible.com/lifestyle/travel/uk-foreign-office-passport-warning-entry-exit-system-935413-20240930>

Revealed: Airport meet-and-greet operators speeding and stealing money from vehicles [see full report in publications above]

Independent – 28/09/2024

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/which-heathrow-gatwick-airport-meet-greet-parking-b2620010.html>

Business Travel Association hears government needs sector 'like hell'

Travel Weekly – 01/10/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/business-travel/business-travel-association-hears-government-needs-sector-like-hell>

Almost half of BA flights 'hit by air traffic control delays' over summer

Travel Weekly – 30/09/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/almost-half-of-ba-flights-hit-by-air-traffic-control-delays-over-summer>

The World's Most Connected Low-Cost Carrier Airports

OAG – 26/09/2024

<https://www.oag.com/blog/worlds-most-connected-low-cost-carrier-airports>

Photogenic Facilities: Which Airports Get The Most Coverage On Instagram?

Simple Flying – 01/10/2024

<https://simpleflying.com/airports-with-most-instagram-coverage/>



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Passenger news

Disabled BBC star Frank Gardner forced to crawl to toilet as Polish airline doesn't have wheelchairs

Mirror – 01/10/2024

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/disabled-bbc-star-forced-crawl-33789847>

Special report: Is corporate travel demand still lagging?

Travel Weekly – 01/10/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/special-report-is-corporate-travel-demand-still-lagging>

Industry news

UK's aviation regulator to enhance industry environmental reporting [*see new consultation above*]

01/10/2024

<https://www.caa.co.uk/newsroom/news/uk-s-aviation-regulator-to-enhance-industry-environmental-reporting/>

Midland's aerospace industry gathered for discussions about the future of aviation

International Airport Review – 01/10/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/230494/midlands-aerospace-industry-gathered-for-discussions-about-the-future-of-aviation/>

Environmental news

Transforming CO2 into Sustainable Aviation Fuel for a net zero future

Robert Gordon University – 30/09/2024

<https://www.rgu.ac.uk/news/news-2024/7458-opinion-transforming-co2-into-sustainable-aviation-fuels-for-a-net-zero-future>

Aviation And Environment News – October 2024

AEF – 02/10/2024

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2024/10/02/aviation-and-environment-news-october-2024/>



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Jet2.Com Urges Govt To Invest In Uk's SAF Industry

SAF Investor – 27/09/2024

[https://www.safinvestor.com/news/146044/jet2/#:~:text=British%20low%2Dcost%20airline%20Jet2,aviation%20fuel%20\(SAF\)%20industry](https://www.safinvestor.com/news/146044/jet2/#:~:text=British%20low%2Dcost%20airline%20Jet2,aviation%20fuel%20(SAF)%20industry)

Green groups push for 'frequent flyer tax' to cut France's aviation emissions

Yahoo – 27/09/2024

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/green-groups-push-frequent-flyer-103644066.html>

OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Aberdeen

NATS Services and Altitude Angel launch drone flight approval service at Aberdeen International Airport

NATS – 02/10/2024

<https://www.nats.aero/news/nats-services-and-altitude-angel-launch-drone-flight-approval-service-at-aberdeen-international-airport/>

Aberdeen International Airport launch exclusive Chieftain's whisky in World Duty Free to celebrate 90th anniversary

Aberdeen Live – 02/10/2024

<https://www.aberdeenlive.news/news/aberdeen-international-airport-launch-exclusive-9596909>

Belfast International

Belfast International Airport technology means passengers can keep electronics in bags

Belfast Live – 01/10/2024

<https://www.belfastlive.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/belfast-international-airport-technology-means-30048303>

Belfast International unveils seven new routes for winter

Travel Weekly – 01/10/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/belfast-international-unveils-seven-new-routes-for-winter>



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Bristol

Bristol Airport changes affecting drivers announced

Somerset Live – 30/09/2024

<https://www.somersetlive.co.uk/news/somerset-news/bristol-airport-changes-affecting-drivers-9594353>

East Midlands

Residents slam East Midlands Airport's 'good neighbour' recognition amid Freeport plan

Leicester Mercury – 02/10/2024

<https://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/news/local-news/residents-slam-east-midlands-airports-9598355>

Edinburgh

Revealed: Edinburgh Airport check-in area to expand, as £5.8m upgrade to give passengers more space

Scotsman – 01/10/2024

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/transport/edinburgh-airport-check-in-vinci-ryanair-jet2-4805482>

Farnborough

Farnborough Airport top UK destination for biz jet “holiday departures”

Aerospace Global News – 01/10/2024

<https://aerospaceglobalnews.com/news/farnborough-airport-top-uk-destination-for-biz-jet-holiday-departures/>

Flexjet continues European push with private terminal at Farnborough

Business Airport International – 26/09/2024

<https://www.businessairportinternational.com/news/flexjet-continues-european-push-with-private-terminal-at-farnborough.html>



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Glasgow

Glasgow Airport introduced changes to security area

Glasgow Times – 02/10/2024

<https://www.glasgowtimes.co.uk/news/scottish-news/24623684.glasgow-airport-introduced-changes-security-area/>

Leeds Bradford

Leeds Bradford Airport issues statement following disruption

The Northern Echo – 30/09/2024

<https://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/24618001.leeds-bradford-airport-issues-statement-following-disruption/>

Liverpool

Liverpool airport reports 15% rise in annual passengers

Travel Weekly – 26/09/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/liverpool-airport-reports-15-rise-in-annual-passengers>

Jet2.com and Jet2holidays launch biggest ever Summer programme for 2026

Jet2 – 26/09/2024

https://www.jet2.com/news/2024/09/Jet2_com_and_Jet2holidays_launch_biggest_ever_Summer_programme_for_2026

London Heathrow

Croydon's Superloop bus link to Heathrow facing the axe

Inside Croydon – 02/10/2024

<https://insidecroydon.com/2024/10/02/croydons-superloop-bus-link-to-heathrow-facing-the-axe/>

dnata switches LHR fleet to biofuel

Airports International – 02/10/2024

<https://www.airportsinternational.com/article/dnata-switches-lhr-fleet-biofuel>



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British Airways prosecuted after baggage handlers injured in falls at Heathrow Airport

The Standard – 27/09/2024

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/crime/british-airways-prosecuted-heathrow-airport-health-safety-b1184577.html>

SSP unwraps premium wine bar/restaurant The Vinery at Heathrow Airport

The Moodie Davitt Report – 30/09/2024

<https://moodiedavittreport.com/ssp-unwraps-premium-wine-bar-restaurant-the-vinery-at-heathrow-airport/>

London Luton

London Luton Airport launches education programme to inspire next generation

Luton Today – 27/09/2024

<https://www.lutontoday.co.uk/business/london-luton-airport-launches-education-programme-to-inspire-next-generation-4801014>

London Luton Airport prepares to issue duty-free tender amid commercial expansion drive

The Moodie Davitt Report – 26/09/2024

<https://moodiedavittreport.com/london-luton-airport-prepares-to-issue-duty-free-tender-amid-commercial-expansion-drive/>

London Southend

EasyJet holidays launches Southend trade promotion

Travel Gossip – 02/10/2024

<https://www.travelgossip.co.uk/latestnews/easyjet-holidays-launches-southend-trade-promotion/>

London Stansted

London's Stansted airport just opened a very fancy new passenger lounge

Time Out – 29/09/2024

<https://www.timeout.com/london/news/londons-stansted-airport-just-opened-a-very-fancy-new-passenger-lounge-092924>



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Manchester

Holidaymaker's Range Rover 'written off' after he used meet and greet at Manchester Airport

Daily Post – 02/10/2024

<https://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/holidaymakers-range-rover-written-off-30025175>

Jet2 makes major announcement for Manchester Airport ahead of 2026

Manchester Evening News – 02/10/2024

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/whats-on/whats-on-news/jet2-makes-major-announcement-manchester-30052353>

Newcastle

Newcastle Airport wins UK and Irish Airport of the Year Award 2024

News and Star – 29/09/2024

<https://www.newsandstar.co.uk/news/24617038.newcastle-airport-wins-uk-irish-airport-year-award-2024/>

Newcastle International Airport urged to open more free parking as council prepares to impose new restrictions

Northumberland Gazette – 02/10/2024

<https://www.northumberlandgazette.co.uk/news/politics/council/newcastle-international-airport-urged-to-open-more-free-parking-as-council-prepares-to-impose-new-restrictions-4806373>

Teesside

Teesside Airport's future questioned amid financial concerns

The Northern Echo – 01/10/2024

<https://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/24622440.teesside-airports-future-questioned-amid-financial-concerns/>

Renegotiations, transport and Teesside Airport: What was discussed at TVCA meeting

Gazette Live – 30/09/2024

<https://www.gazettelive.co.uk/news/teesside-news/renegotiations-transport-teesside-airport-what-30038844>