



# GATCOM WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

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## CURRENT NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

### **DfT and CAA Joint Consultation: Creating a UK Airspace Design Service (UKADS)**

Closing date: 17/12/2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/creating-a-uk-airspace-design-service-ukads>

### **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/>

## PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

### **CAA annual progress report - Release of the Airspace Modernisation 2023 progress report**

DfT and CAA – 31/10/2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/caa-annual-progress-report>

### **Air Travel Consumer Report**

The Office of Aviation Consumer Protection – October 2024

<https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2024-10/October%202024%20ATCR.pdf>

### **Transport secretary confirmed for AirportsUK annual conference**

Airports UK -31/10/2024

<https://airportsuk.org/transport-secretary-confirmed-for-airportsuk-annual-conference/>



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**Baroness Grey-Thompson to lead new expert group to 'break down barriers' to air travel for disabled passengers**

DfT – 07/11/2024

[https://www.gov.uk/government/news/baroness-grey-thompson-to-lead-new-expert-group-to-break-down-barriers-to-air-travel-for-disabled-passengers?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm\\_source=b9832cc4-42bd-4bc7-8a51-df4d07af2609&utm\\_content=immediately](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/baroness-grey-thompson-to-lead-new-expert-group-to-break-down-barriers-to-air-travel-for-disabled-passengers?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=b9832cc4-42bd-4bc7-8a51-df4d07af2609&utm_content=immediately)

### **GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES**

**London Gatwick invites Kent, Surrey and Sussex charities to apply for funding**  
06/11/2024

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-appeals-for-kent-surrey-and-sussex-charities-to-apply-for-funding-53c70-40f32.html>

### **GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA**

**Funding Boost! Gatwick Airport Community Trust Invites Local Charities to Apply for £250K in Grants to Drive Community Growth Across Kent, Surrey, and Sussex**  
Travel and Tour World – 06/11/2024

<https://www.travelandtourworld.com/news/article/funding-boost-gatwick-airport-community-trust-invites-local-charities-to-apply-for-250k-in-grants-to-drive-community-growth-across-kent-surrey-and-sussex/>

**Electric Taxis to Gatwick: The Eco-Friendly Airport Transfer Revolution**

The Canary – 31/10/2024

<https://www.thecanary.co/discovery/travel/2024/10/31/electric-taxis-to-gatwick-the-eco-friendly-airport-transfer-revolution/>

### **General Headlines**

**Full list of the 'worst' airports in Europe — with 4 in the UK**

Metro – 03/11/2024

<https://metro.co.uk/2024/11/03/full-list-worst-airports-europe-4-uk-21911953/>



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**UK Airports Record Busiest Quarter Ever With 51.24 Million Seats Departing Simple Flying – 04/11/2024**

<https://simpleflying.com/uk-airports-busiest-quarter-ever/>

**UK summer flight capacity surpassed pre-Covid levels, new data shows**

Travel Weekly – 04/11/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/uk-summer-flight-capacity-surpassed-pre-covid-levels-new-data-shows>

**IATA reports passenger demand reaches record for September**

Travel Weekly – 01/11/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/iata-reports-passenger-demand-reaches-record-for-september>

**Comment: Are there too many flights?**

Travel Weekly – 05/11/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/in-depth/comment/comment-are-there-too-many-flights>

**European air traffic delays ‘much higher than expected’ during summer peak**

Travel Weekly – 05/11/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/european-air-traffic-delays-much-higher-than-expected-during-summer-peak>

**Hopes raised for 2026 reopening of Doncaster Sheffield airport**

Travel Weekly – 05/11/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/hopes-raised-for-2026-reopening-of-doncaster-sheffield-airport>

**The airlines most likely to delay holiday flights, according to a new study**

Mail Online – 30/10/2024

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-14021257/airlines-likely-delay-flights-holidays-study.html>

**Ryanair reports 10% drop in average fares amid consumer ‘spending pressure’**

The Standard – 04/11/2024

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/ryanair-boeing-ukraine-b1191813.html>



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**Ryanair to axe hundreds of flights from UK airports 'affecting 5 million passengers'**

Daily Star – 02/11/2024

<https://www.dailystar.co.uk/news/latest-news/ryanair-axe-hundreds-flights-uk-34022211>

**Throwback: The UK-US Routes From Secondary Airports That Were Lost To History**

Simple Flying – 04/11/2024

<https://simpleflying.com/forgotten-uk-us-routes-from-secondary-airports/>

**Is the future of air travel hypersonic?**

The Week – 05/11/2024

<https://theweek.com/culture-life/travel/is-the-future-of-air-travel-hypersonic>

### **Passenger news**

**AirTags Will Soon Let Airlines Find Your Lost Luggage Faster**

Make Use Of – 04/11/2024

<https://www.makeuseof.com/airtags-let-airlines-find-lost-luggage-faster/>

### **Industry news**

**Updated: Travel leaders react to 'punishing tax measures' in autumn Budget**

Travel Weekly – 30/11/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/travel-leaders-react-to-punishing-tax-measures-in-autumn-budget>

**Bar-UK names new chief executive**

Travel Weekly – 06/11/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/bar-uk-names-new-chief-executive>

### **Environmental news**

**Big Oil Eyes Brazil as Major Hub for Clean Jet Fuel**

Yahoo – 01/11/2024

<https://uk.finance.yahoo.com/news/big-oil-sees-brazil-becoming-110000483.html>



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## OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

### Aberdeen

#### **Interview: AGS partners Newmark to transform airside retail and F&B offer at Aberdeen Airport**

The Moodie Davitt Report – 01/11/2024

<https://moodiedavittreport.com/interview-ags-partners-newmark-to-transform-airside-retail-and-fb-offer-at-aberdeen-international-airport/>

### Belfast City

#### **Queen's University And Belfast City Airport Aid Children With Autism On Their First Flight**

India Education Diary – 04/11/2024

<https://indiaeducationdiary.in/queens-university-and-belfast-city-airport-aid-children-with-autism-on-their-first-flight/>

#### **'Cheaper to fly to Australia' – NI MPs raise issues on Belfast to London flights**

The Standard – 05/11/2024

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/politics/mps-belfast-london-australia-london-city-airport-b1192123.html>

### Belfast International

#### **Two new flight routes take off from Belfast International Airport**

Yahoo – 04/11/2024

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/two-flight-routes-off-belfast-155101652.html>

### Birmingham

#### **Why does Birmingham airport want more night flights?**

BBC – 02/11/2024

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c8dmq2v11y0o>



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### **Birmingham Airport reappoints NATS as air traffic service provider in 10-year partnership**

International Airport Review – 05/11/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/231533/birmingham-airport-reappoints-nats-as-air-traffic-service-provider-in-10-year-partnership/>

### **Bristol**

### **Bristol Airport CEO planning 'further expansion' to exceed 12m passengers a year**

ITV – 04/11/2024

<https://www.itv.com/news/westcountry/2024-11-04/airport-planning-further-expansion-to-exceed-12m-passengers-a-year>

### **Campaigner brands bristol airport's latest expansion plans 'bonkers'**

Bristol 24/7 – 06/11/2024

<https://www.bristol247.com/news-and-features/news/campaigner-brands-bristol-airport-latest-expansion-plans-bonkers/>

### **Edinburgh**

### **Edinburgh Airport runway closure - potential impact revealed**

The Scotsman – 06/11/2024

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/transport/edinburgh-airport-runway-4853680>

### **Major changes to flight paths from two Scottish airports delayed until 2028**

The Scotsman – 05/11/2024

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/transport/major-changes-to-flight-paths-from-two-scottish-airports-delayed-until-2028-4853109>

### **Emirates returns to Edinburgh Airport for first time since 2020**

STV – 05/11/2024

<https://news.stv.tv/east-central/emirates-welcomed-back-to-the-capital-by-royal-edinburgh-military-tattoo>



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### Glasgow

#### Major changes to flight paths from two Scottish airports delayed until 2028

The Scotsman – 05/11/2024

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/transport/major-changes-to-flight-paths-from-two-scottish-airports-delayed-until-2028-4853109>

### Glasgow Prestwick

#### Ryanair launches £5 million training academy at Prestwick Airport, creating 500 engineering jobs

Aviation 24 – 01/11/2024

<https://www.aviation24.be/airlines/ryanair/ryanair-launches-5-million-training-academy-at-prestwick-airport-creating-500-engineering-jobs/>

### Leeds Bradford

#### Airport accused of breaching night flight limits

BBC – 05/11/2024

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c74lq320w1vo>

#### Leeds Bradford Airport has the 'most Christmas flight cancellations', new study finds

Yorkshire Evening Post – 01/11/2024

<https://www.yorkshireeveningpost.co.uk/news/traffic-and-travel/leeds-bradford-airport-has-the-most-christmas-flight-cancellations-new-study-finds-4848380>

#### Airport marks 40th anniversary of runway extension

BBC – 04/11/2024

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cq524w1dix7o>

### Liverpool

#### Liverpool Airport sees surge in passengers and profits

Liverpool Business News – 05/11/2024

<https://lbdaily.co.uk/liverpool-airport-sees-surge-in-passengers-and-profits/>



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### London City

#### **British Airways celebrates 25 years at London City with discounted fares**

Business Traveller – 06/11/2024

<https://www.businesstraveller.com/business-travel/2024/11/06/british-airways-celebrates-25-years-at-london-city-with-discounted-fares/>

### London Heathrow

#### **UK cabinet split over allowing third runway at Heathrow**

Financial Times – 05/11/2024

<https://www.ft.com/content/a387e13e-f67f-4bae-8fc8-bbee5be56c57>

#### **UK Civil Aviation Authority starts process of setting next price control for Heathrow Airport**

CAA – 06/11/2024

<https://www.caa.co.uk/newsroom/news/uk-civil-aviation-authority-starts-process-of-setting-next-price-control-for-heathrow-airport/>

#### **US-bound passengers stuck at London and European airports after ESTA visa system goes down**

Independent – 06/11/2024

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/us-passengers-stuck-airports-esta-visa-heathrow-london-b2642342.html>

#### **Swissport opens fifth cargo facility at Heathrow**

Air Cargo News – 06/11/2024

<https://www.aircargonews.net/services/ground-handler/swissport-opens-fifth-cargo-facility-at-heathrow/>

#### **American Airlines Begins Daily 777 Flights Between Charlotte And Heathrow Airport**

Simple Flying – 05/11/2024

<https://simpleflying.com/american-airlines-charlotte-douglas-london-heathrow-flight/>

#### **Vietnam Airlines resumes daily London flights**

Travel Weekly – 01/11/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/vietnam-airlines-resumes-daily-london-flights-2>





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### **London Luton**

#### **London Luton Airport invests in sustainable fleet to reduce emissions and achieve Net Zero by 2040**

International Airport Review – 06/11/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/231584/london-luton-airport-invests-in-sustainable-fleet-to-reduce-emissions-and-achieve-net-zero-by-2040/>

#### **London Luton Airport becomes first airport worldwide to achieve BSI psychological health and safety certification**

International Airport Review – 31/10/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/231273/london-luton-airport-becomes-first-airport-worldwide-to-achieve-bsi-psychological-health-and-safety-certification/>

#### **Thameslink and Luton Town celebrate extended partnership with Academy community day at Luton Airport**

My News Desk – 05/11/2024

[https://www.mynewsdesk.com/uk/govia-thameslink-railway/pressreleases/thameslink-and-luton-town-celebrate-extended-partnership-with-academy-community-day-at-luton-airport-parkway-3352926?utm\\_source=rss&utm\\_medium=rss&utm\\_campaign=Alert&utm\\_content=pressrelease](https://www.mynewsdesk.com/uk/govia-thameslink-railway/pressreleases/thameslink-and-luton-town-celebrate-extended-partnership-with-academy-community-day-at-luton-airport-parkway-3352926?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=Alert&utm_content=pressrelease)

### **London Stansted**

#### **Stansted Airport expansion 'at odds' with efforts to 'reduce emissions'**

Essex Live – 06/11/2024

<https://www.essexlive.news/news/essex-news/stansted-airport-expansion-at-odds-9690701>

#### **Hallowe'en deadline for re-registration for Stansted Airport's local residents parking discount scheme**

Bishop's Stortford Independent – 28/10/2024

<https://www.bishopstortfordindependent.co.uk/news/deadline-looms-for-residents-kiss-and-fly-parking-discount-9389453/>

### **Manchester**

#### **Manchester Airport's luxury private terminal opens its doors - and ANY passenger can book it**

Manchester Evening News – 05/11/2024

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/whats-on/whats-on-news/manchester-airports-luxury-private-terminal-30295760>



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### **Manchester Airport opens 'Little Flyers Zone' in-terminal play area for children to further enhance CX**

Future Travel Experience – 03/11/2024

<https://www.futuretravelexperience.com/2024/11/manchester-airport-opens-little-flyers-zone-in-terminal-play-area-for-children-to-further-enhance-cx/>

### **Newcastle**

### **Newcastle Airport crowned 'Star UK Airport' for third consecutive year at Travel Bulletin Star Awards**

Routes Online – 31/10/2024

<https://www.routesonline.com/airports/8267/newcastle-international-airport/news/299663716/newcastle-airport-crowned-star-uk-airport-for-third-consecutive-year-at-travel-bulletin-star-awards/>

### **Southampton**

### **TUI returns to Southampton Airport with weekly flights to Palma from May 2025**

The News – 02/11/2024

<https://www.portsmouth.co.uk/news/traffic-and-travel/tui-returns-to-southampton-airport-with-weekly-flights-to-palma-from-may-2025-4850375>

### **Teesside**

### **RAF veterans join Teesside Airports Air Traffic Control team**

The Northern Echo – 01/11/2024

<https://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/24693292.raf-veterans-join-teesside-airports-air-traffic-control-team/>