



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.

19 DECEMBER 2024

CURRENT NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

New DfT Consultation: Implementing the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSA)

Closing date: 10/02/2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/implementing-the-carbon-offsetting-and-reduction-scheme-for-international-aviation-corsia>

CAA Consultation: CAA Statutory Charges Consultation 2025 - 2026

Closing date: 18/11/2024

<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/finance/caa-statutory-charges-consultation-25-26/>

CAA Consultation: Proposed amendments to the UK Performance-Based Navigation Regulation

Closing date: 16/01/2024

<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/innovation/proposed-amendments-to-the-uk-performance-based-na/>

PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

Consultation outcome: Night flight restrictions: Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted airports from October 2025

DfT – 22/02/2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/night-flight-restrictions-heathrow-gatwick-and-stansted-airports-from-october-2025>

Open letter to Secretary of State for Transport: Reject Airport Expansion Plans, Urges AEF And Other NGOS

AEF – 16/12/2024

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2024/12/16/reject-airport-expansion/>



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Navigating the turbulent skies: Insights from the Airport Executive Forum at the International Airport Summit 2024

International Airport Review – 17/12/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/article/232685/navigating-the-turbulent-skies-insights-from-the-airport-executive-forum-at-the-international-airport-summit-2024/>

Viasat's 2024 survey reveals passengers' demand for connected, personalised, and innovative air travel experiences

International Airport Review – 13/12/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/232840/viasats-2024-survey-reveals-passengers-demand-for-connected-personalised-and-innovative-air-travel-experiences/>

Air Travel Statistics 2024

OAG blog – December 2024

<https://www.oag.com/blog/air-travel-statistics-2024>

NATS Responsible Business Report 2023-24 demonstrates progress on environmental stewardship and community giving

NATS – 17/12/2024

<https://www.nats.aero/news/responsible-business-report-demonstrates-progress-on-environmental-stewardship-and-community-giving/>

GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES

London Gatwick celebrates decade of biodiversity recognition

17/12/2024

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-celebrates-decade-of-biodiversity-recognition-d0bad-40f32.html>

Four in every five residents across Sussex, Surrey and Kent support London Gatwick's growth plans

19/12/2024

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/four-in-every-five-residents-across-sussex-surrey-and-kent-supports-london-gatwicks-growth-plans-ce1d8-40f32.html>



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GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA

Gatwick expects DfT decision on expansion by February

Travel Weekly – 13/12/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/gatwick-expects-dft-decision-on-expansion-by-february>

The major UK airport ranked 'third worst in the world' - it's not London Heathrow

Express – 14/12/2024

<https://www.express.co.uk/travel/articles/1987637/major-uk-airport-ranked-third>

Christmas getaway chaos hits Gatwick: Travellers miss flights after being stuck in FIVE-HOUR queues at security due to 'influx of passengers'

Daily Mail – 18/12/2024

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-14206829/christmas-gateway-chaos-gatwick-travellers-flights-queues.html>

PODCAST: Promoting independent and accessible travel at London Gatwick Airport

International Airport Review – 27/11/2024

https://www.internationalairportreview.com/podcast/promoting-independent-travel-at-london-gatwick-airport/?zcs=EmailOther&campaign_source=EmailOther&utm_medium=email&utm_source=dedicated%20eshot&utm_campaign=IAR_podcast_27_Nov&gator_td=mpe4EDzRRuI2UQCXJokTOMsNjNWqXrsnAs1Xg%2fd%2f2fdeUURwEkz5D2NR0Xzfq5XWJ%2f1WZNLzYg85AMSw0wUrPAICmWPP82HP08P%2fh%2bbTVa8Jz3wROtn%2fTungwOh7JqPNWI36pJJSXeDaO2IKqA5VEGZjo4VeAoU0M2s4HxLJayCnwQ52GtzN7mOmsODYeFitPjtUP1wiL9fXzY791jjA%3d%3d

Gatwick Airspace Modernisation Review Parliamentary debate

18/12/2024

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2024-12-18/debates/E6B257AC-0AD4-4560-B4D9-BF025AA73617/GatwickAirspaceModernisationReview>

General Headlines

Airport chiefs slam proposed hike in business rates

Travel Weekly – 17/12/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/airport-chiefs-slam-proposed-hike-in-business-rates>

Overcrowded airspace means no quick fix to flight delays

Travel Weekly – 13/12/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/overcrowded-air-space-means-no-quick-fix-to-flight-delays>

Key questions remain unanswered on EU Entry/Exit System

Travel Weekly – 16/12/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/key-questions-remain-unanswered-on-eu-entryexit-system>

UK sets out next steps to help decarbonise aviation sector [*see consultations section*]

DfT – 16/12/2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-sets-out-next-steps-to-help-decarbonise-aviation-sector>

New gadget shows likelihood of Christmas flight delays from London airports including Heathrow and Gatwick: More than a third of all flights from UK airports were delayed last December

My London – 17/12/2024

<https://www.mylondon.news/news/transport/new-gadget-shows-likelihood-christmas-30602593>

How much does it cost to drop-off your friends and family at UK airports?

Metro – 17/12/2024

<https://metro.co.uk/2024/12/17/much-cost-drop-off-uk-airports-heathrow-manchester-22203374/>

THE BUSIEST FLIGHT ROUTES OF 2024

OAG – December 2024

https://www.oag.com/busiest-routes-world-2024?utm_campaign=4145336-Busiest%20Routes%202024&utm_medium=email&hsenc=p2ANqtz-9jbtngdw2iCVxv7C9LFj-w7I6DD-J6juPgStPFm8dOiF8KNDkbMX_wsmo3CctgGy7P2uqtTJwWeLkrEvo3o9olaHSN2g&hsmi=338941171&utm_content=338941171&utm_source=hs_email

Passenger news

UK airport liquid rules for December 2024 – what can you take on a plane?

Metro – 17/12/2024

<https://metro.co.uk/2024/12/17/much-liquid-can-take-a-plane-airport-security-rules-explained-2-22204153/?ito=newsnow-feed>

Air travellers advised to prepare for ‘unexpected challenges’ in busiest December since Covid

Travel Weekly – 13/12/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/air-travellers-advised-to-prepare-for-unexpected-challenges-in-busiest-december-since-covid>

Industry news

IATA’s Turbulence Aware platform expands with six new airlines joining in 2024 for safer flights: IATA’s Turbulence Aware platform expands in 2024 with six new airlines, improving safety and fuel efficiency by sharing real-time turbulence data for optimal flight paths

International Airport Review – 12/12/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/232810/iatas-turbulence-aware-platform-expands-with-six-new-airlines-joining-in-2024-for-safer-flights/>

Environmental news

Government opens consultation on aviation carbon offsetting

Travel Weekly – 17/12/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/government-opens-consultation-on-aviation-carbon-offsetting>

Sustainable and technological innovations in aircraft hangars

Regional Gateway – 13/12/2024

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/sustainable-and-technological-innovations-in-aircraft-hangars/>

OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Aberdeen

£100 fines to be enforced at popular Aberdeen Airport drop-off point

Press & Journal – 12/12/2024

<https://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/fp/news/aberdeen-aberdeenshire/6650339/fines-introduced-popular-aberdeen-airport-drop-off-point/>



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Children’s charity hails “tremendous impact” of partnership with Aberdeen International Airport

Aberdeen Business News – 18/12/2024

<https://aberdeenbusinessnews.co.uk/childrens-charity-hails-tremendous-impact-of-partnership-with-aberdeen-international-airport/>

Belfast City

Belfast City Airport Achieves Top Environmental Ranking for 5th Straight Year

ITTN – 13/12/2024

<https://ittn.ie/sustainability/belfast-city-airport-achieves-top-environmental-ranking-for-5th-straight-year/>

Meet the team getting Belfast City Airport ready for the busy Christmas period

Belfast Live – 14/12/2024

<https://www.belfastlive.co.uk/news/belfast-news/meet-team-getting-belfast-city-30562196>

Birmingham

Birmingham Airport gets set for Christmas getaway

Birmingham Airport – 15/12/2024

<https://www.birminghamairport.co.uk/latest-news/birmingham-airport-gets-set-for-christmas-getaway/>

Bristol

easyJet announces expansion at Bristol Airport

The Business Desk – 15/12/2024

<https://www.thebusinessdesk.com/south-west/news/18087-easyjet-announces-expansion-at-bristol-airport>

East Midlands

80,000 expected to take Christmas getaways from East Midlands Airport

West Bridgford Wire – 12/12/2024

<https://westbridgfordwire.com/80000-expected-to-take-christmas-getaways-from-east-midlands-airport/>



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Airport to close for runway repairs

BBC – 12/12/2024

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cp9nyge9pd5o>

Edinburgh

Travel turmoil at Edinburgh Airport as IT failure caused passengers 'indefinite delays'

Mirror – 16/12/2024

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/lifestyle/travel/travel-turmoil-edinburgh-airport-failure-34319377>

Tanker drivers call off strike at Edinburgh Airport

Daily Business – 16/12/2024

<https://dailybusinessgroup.co.uk/2024/12/tanker-drivers-call-off-strike-at-edinburgh-airport/>

Exeter

This small English airport is launching new daily flights to Amsterdam

Time Out – 13/12/2024

<https://www.timeout.com/uk/news/this-small-english-airport-is-launching-new-daily-flights-to-amsterdam-121324>

Glasgow

Glasgow Airport Launches High-Impact AI Assistant to Set a New Standard in Accessibility and Deliver an Unprecedented Passenger Journey

Travel and Tour World – 17/12/2024

<https://www.travelandtourworld.com/news/article/glasgow-airport-launches-high-impact-ai-assistant-to-set-a-new-standard-in-accessibility-and-deliver-an-unprecedented-passenger-journey/>

Glasgow Prestwick

Glasgow Prestwick Airport welcomes first dedicated e-commerce flight

AJOT – 17/12/2024

<https://www.ajot.com/news/glasgow-prestwick-airport-welcomes-first-dedicated-e-commerce-flight>

Leeds Bradford

Planned strike action at Leeds Bradford Airport over Christmas is called off
Yahoo – 13/12/2024

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/planned-strike-action-leeds-bradford-151158749.html>

Leeds Bradford Airport Terminal Extension Scores Full Marks on CCS Audit
Airport Suppliers – 12/12/2024

https://www.airport-suppliers.com/airport_press_release/leeds-bradford-airport-terminal-extension-scores-full-marks-on-ccs-audit/

Liverpool

LJLA publishes latest report to showcase its ESG commitments

Liverpool Chamber – 16/12/2024

[https://www.liverpoolchamber.org.uk/news/2024/12/ljla-publishes-latest-report-to-showcase-its-esg-commitments/#:~:text=Liverpool%20John%20Lennon%20Airport%20\(LJLA,to%20deliver%20on%20future%20commitments.](https://www.liverpoolchamber.org.uk/news/2024/12/ljla-publishes-latest-report-to-showcase-its-esg-commitments/#:~:text=Liverpool%20John%20Lennon%20Airport%20(LJLA,to%20deliver%20on%20future%20commitments.)

Liverpool Airport charity plane pull raises vital cash for Alder Hey

Echo – 12/12/2024

<https://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/liverpool-news/liverpool-airport-charity-plane-pull-30572832>

London City

London City Airport Stands Out with Top Honors in Good Work Standard

Travel and Tour World – 14/12/2024

<https://www.travelandtourworld.com/news/article/london-city-airport-stands-out-with-top-honors-in-good-work-standard/>

London Heathrow

Heathrow boss wants 'clear steer' on third runway

BBC – 16/12/2024

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cre784dnq5go>

London's Heathrow announces airport upgrade; aims to invest billions

London South East – 18/12/2024

<https://www.lse.co.uk/news/londons-heathrow-announces-airport-upgrade-aims-to-invest-billions-9bt8l99w8dzib6d.html>

Heathrow warns on rising costs as terminals come close to capacity

Travel Weekly – 13/12/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/heathrow-warns-on-rising-costs-as-terminals-come-close-to-capacity>

PIF acquires 15% stake in London's Heathrow airport

AGBI – 13/12/2024

<https://www.agbi.com/aviation/2024/12/pif-acquires-15-stake-in-londons-heathrow-airport/>

Heathrow Academy Celebrates 20 Years of Transforming Local Careers and Opportunities in the UK

Travel and Tour World – 17/12/2024

<https://www.travelandtourtworld.com/news/article/heathrow-academy-celebrates-20-years-of-transforming-local-careers-and-opportunities-in-the-uk/>

Heathrow Airport Prepares for its Busiest Christmas After Record Year

Aviation Source News – 11/12/2024

<https://aviationsourcenews.com/heathrow-airport-prepares-for-its-busiest-christmas-after-record-year/>

American Airlines Cargo expands facility and digital capabilities at Heathrow

Air Cargo News – 17/12/2024

<https://www.aircargonews.net/airlines/american-airlines-cargo-expands-facility-and-digital-capabilities-at-heathrow/>

DHL collaborates with Oxa on autonomous vehicle project at Heathrow Airport

Passenger Terminal Today – 13/12/2024

<https://www.passengerterminaltoday.com/news/baggage/dhl-collaborates-with-oxa-on-autonomous-vehicle-project-at-heathrow-airport.html>

British Airways suspends summer flights from London Heathrow to Abu Dhabi

Independent – 19/12/2024

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/british-airways-suspends-heathrow-abu-dhabi-flights-b2667024.html>

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Patrón El Alto takes tequila to new heights at Heathrow Experiencia Patrón pop-up

DFNI – 17/12/2024

<https://www.dfnionline.com/brand-news/liquor-wines/patron-el-alto-takes-tequila-new-heights-heathrow-experiencia-patron-pop-17-12-2024/>

London Luton

London Luton Airport: development consent decision extension to 3 April 2025. The application decision deadline is extended to 3 April 2025

DfT – 17/12/2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/london-luton-airport-development-consent-decision-extension-to-3-april-2025>

London Southend

London Southend Is Indeed Considered A London Airport Despite Being 40 Miles Away

Simple Flying – 12/12/2024

<https://simpleflying.com/london-southend-considered-london-airport-40-miles/>

Southend Airport Proms at the Vulcan concert to return

Echo – 17/12/2024

<https://www.echo-news.co.uk/news/24800801.southend-airport-proms-vulcan-concert-return/>

London Stansted

London Stansted to introduce ANPR technology for vehicle drop offs

Airport World – 17/12/2024

<https://airport-world.com/london-stansted-to-introduce-anpr-technology-for-vehicle-drop-offs/>

London Stansted spreads Christmas cheer in the community

In Your Area – 17/12/2024

<https://www.inyourarea.co.uk/news/london-stansted-spreads-christmas-cheer-in-the-community>

Manchester

The world's 'worst airports' revealed - major UK hub at number 1

Express – 14/12/2024

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/world/1987094/worlds-worst-airports-listed>

Travel expert Simon Calder issues warning to anyone flying from Manchester Airport over ‘concerning’ fees

Manchester Evening News – 12/12/2024

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/travel-expert-simon-calder-issues-30562231>

Newcastle

Saudi investors tipped to bid for Newcastle Airport after securing stake in Heathrow

Regional Gateway – 16/12/2024

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/saudi-investors-tipped-to-bid-for-newcastle-airport-after-securing-stake-in-heathrow/>

Newcastle Airport welcomes record number of college students on ambassador programme

Northumberland Gazette – 16/12/2024

<https://www.northumberlandgazette.co.uk/news/people/newcastle-airport-welcomes-record-number-of-college-students-on-ambassador-programme-4911401>