



# GATCOM WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

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## CURRENT NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

### **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>

## PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

### **THE BUSIEST AIRPORTS OF 2024**

OAG – January 2025

<https://www.oag.com/busiest-airports-world-2024>

### **Airports UK: The Airport Operator Magazine – Winter 2024 edition**

[https://airportsuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/AirportsUK\\_Winter\\_2024a.pdf](https://airportsuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/AirportsUK_Winter_2024a.pdf)

**Beyond your baggage: Envisioning the future of baggage handling: Zahra Merchant, Chapter Lead Robotics and Christopher Roos, Innovation Lead on Future Baggage from Royal Schiphol Group write exclusively for International Airport Review on what the future holds for the airport's baggage handling and the innovations they are working on**

International Airport Review – 15/01/2025

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/article/232046/beyond-your-baggage-envisioning-the-future-of-baggage-handling/>

### **Christmas getaway got away in good time**

NATS – 10/01/2025

<https://www.nats.aero/news/christmas-getaway-got-away-in-good-time/>



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## GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES

**London Gatwick awards nearly £100,000 to Community Groups in Sussex, Surrey and Kent**

15/01/2025

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-awards-nearly-ps100-000-to-community-groups-in-sussex-surrey-and-kent-9dc5f-40f32.html>

## GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA

**Police launch investigation into Gatwick Airport luggage theft**

ITV – 11/01/2025

<https://www.itv.com/news/meridian/2025-01-11/police-launch-investigation-into-gatwick-airport-luggage-theft>

**Which US Airlines Fly To London Gatwick Airport?**

Simple Flying – 15/01/2025

<https://simpleflying.com/us-airlines-fly-to-london-gatwick-airport/>

## General Headlines

**UK airport growth shows no signs of slowing as key expansion decisions loom**

City AM – 13/01/2025

<https://www.cityam.com/uk-airport-growth-shows-no-signs-of-slowing-as-key-expansion-decisions-loom/>

**London's airports test Labour with plans for rapid growth**

Financial Times – 09/01/2025

<https://www.ft.com/content/feb173fa-6831-4577-8ace-334d5c384187>

**Analysis: Will UK airport growth take off?**

Travel Weekly – 10/01/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/in-depth/special-reports/analysis-will-uk-airport-growth-take-off>

### **EU passenger air traffic to double by 2050, risking climate goals, warns Transport & Environment report**

International Airport Review – 15/01/2025

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/233701/eu-passenger-air-traffic-to-double-by-2050-risking-climate-goals-warns-transport-environment-report/>

### **Updated: Ryanair demands two drink limit at airports to crack down on disruptive passengers**

Travel Weekly – 14/01/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/ryanair-demands-two-drink-limit-at-airports-to-crack-down-on-disruptive-passengers>

### **Supply chain issues ‘preventing airline growth’, IATA warns**

Travel Weekly – 10/01/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/supply-chain-issues-preventing-airline-growth-iata-warns>

### **Stowaways on planes and inside landing gear raise worries about aviation security**

Mail Online – 08/01/2025

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/ap/article-14264287/Stowaways-planes-inside-landing-gear-raise-worries-aviation-security.html>

## **Passenger news**

### **Ryanair takes legal action against ‘unruly’ passenger for €15k flight diversion costs**

Travel Weekly – 09/01/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/ryanair-takes-legal-action-against-unruly-passenger-for-e15k-flight-diversion-costs>

### **These are the world’s most turbulent flight routes, from short-haul domestic trips to long-haul journeys**

Independent – 14/01/2025

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/most-turbulent-flight-routes-santiago-mendoza-b2678864.html>

## Industry news

### CAA staff to ban overtime and work to rule

Flyer – 09/01/2025

<https://flyer.co.uk/caa-staff-to-ban-overtime-and-work-to-rule/>

### Comment: ABTA's strong relationship with Foreign Office delivers results

Travel Weekly – 09/01/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/in-depth/comment/comment-abtas-strong-relationship-with-foreign-office-delivers-results>

## OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

### Belfast City

#### Belfast City Airport insists £100 fine for drop-offs is due to drivers ignoring signs

Irish News – 14/01/2025

<https://www.irishnews.com/news/northern-ireland/belfast-city-airport-insists-100-fine-for-drop-offs-is-due-to-drivers-ignoring-signs-YTO7RWGCFJB6TMVJ54UEKW3C24/>

### Birmingham

#### Birmingham Airport granted permission for more night time flights despite widespread opposition

Birmingham Mail – 09/01/2025

<https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/birmingham-airport-granted-permission-more-30744021>

### Bristol

#### Airport expansion bid 'to boost value before sale'

BBC – 14/01/2025

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c805rjpvpg2o>

#### Bristol Airport's expansion plans to connect passengers with new destinations

Business Live – 13/01/2025

<https://www.business-live.co.uk/economic-development/bristol-airports-expansion-plans-connect-30767243>

### **Public transport concerns as Bristol Airport eyes 2040 masterplan**

Bristol Post – 15/01/2025

<https://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/news-opinion/public-transport-concerns-bristol-airport-9861557>

### **East Midlands**

#### **'Significant' changes on the way as East Midlands Airport turns 60**

Leicester Mercury – 11/01/2025

<https://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/news/local-news/significant-changes-way-east-midlands-9848592>

### **Edinburgh**

#### **Edinburgh Airport: 'Charging infrastructure is our responsibility'**

Airside – 09/01/2025

<https://airsideint.com/edinburgh-airport-charging-infrastructure-is-our-responsibility/>

### **Glasgow**

#### **Glasgow Airport launches AI-powered digital assistant for “smoother and more personalised journeys”**

Future Travel Experience – January 2025

<https://www.futuretravelexperience.com/2025/01/glasgow-airport-launches-ai-powered-digital-assistant-for-smoother-and-more-personalised-journeys/>

### **Leeds Bradford**

#### **Passenger Numbers on the Rise as Leeds Bradford Airport heads into a Transformational Year**

Routes – 15/01/2025

<https://www.routesonline.com/airports/8255/leeds-bradford-airport/news/299663985/passenger-numbers-on-the-rise-as-leeds-bradford-airport-heads-into-a-transformational-year/>

#### **First phase of £100m Leeds Bradford expansion to open by summer**

Travel Weekly – 15/01/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/first-phase-of-100m-leeds-bradford-expansion-to-open-by-summer>

### **Campaigner's concerns over Leeds Bradford Airport plans**

Telegraph & Argus – 15/01/2025

<https://www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk/news/24858937.campaigners-concerns-leeds-bradford-airport-plans/>

### **Liverpool**

#### **Liverpool airport sees return to pre-Covid passenger levels**

Travel Weekly – 14/01/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/liverpool-airport-sees-return-to-pre-covid-passenger-levels>

#### **2024 Was Ljla's Busiest Year Since 2011, With More To Look Forward To In 2025**

Marketing Liverpool – January 2025

[https://marketingliverpool.co.uk/2025/01/14/2024-was-ljlas-busiest-year-since-2011-with-more-to-look-forward-to-in-2025/#:~:text=Liverpool%20John%20Lennon%20Airport%20\(LJLA,passenger%20numbers%20handled%20since%202011.](https://marketingliverpool.co.uk/2025/01/14/2024-was-ljlas-busiest-year-since-2011-with-more-to-look-forward-to-in-2025/#:~:text=Liverpool%20John%20Lennon%20Airport%20(LJLA,passenger%20numbers%20handled%20since%202011.)

### **London City**

#### **London City Airport flight path review expected in 2025**

Romford Recorder – 13/01/2025

<https://www.romfordrecorder.co.uk/news/24852169.london-city-airport-flight-path-review-expected-2025/>

### **London Heathrow**

#### **Heathrow planning expansion after record-breaking Christmas rounds off busiest ever year**

This is Money – 13/01/2025

<https://www.thisismoney.co.uk/money/markets/article-14279817/Heathrow-planning-expansion-record-breaking-Christmas-rounds-busiest-year.html>

#### **Heathrow Airport Breaks Records in 2024, Sets Ambitious Targets for 2025**

Aviation Source News – 14/01/2025

<https://aviationsourcenews.com/heathrow-airport-breaks-records-in-2024-sets-ambitious-targets-for-2025/>

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### **Despair among climate campaigners as Heathrow Airport smashes annual flights record**

Mirror – 14/01/2025

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/travel/uk-ireland/despair-among-climate-campaigners-heathrow-34480118>

### **Heathrow supports SAF adoption with £86m airline incentive**

Travel Weekly – 10/01/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/heathrow-supports-saf-adoption-with-86m-airline-incentive>

### **London's Heathrow Airport Targets 3% SAF Use in 2025, 11% in 2030**

ESG Today – 13/01/2025

<https://www.esgtoday.com/londons-heathrow-airport-targets-3-saf-use-in-2025-11-in-2030/>

### **Refined wake-separation calculations set to speed Heathrow arrival traffic flow**

Flight Global – 15/01/2025

<https://www.flightglobal.com/air-transport/refined-wake-separation-calculations-set-to-speed-heathrow-arrival-traffic-flow/161380.article>

### **The Most Superior London Airport When It Comes To Public Transportation**

Simple Flying – 13/01/2025

<https://simpleflying.com/london-most-superior-airport-public-transportation/>

### **Etihad Airways Recovers Slot Leased To American Airlines At London Heathrow Airport**

Simple Flying – 12/01/2025

<https://simpleflying.com/etihad-airways-american-airlines-slots-london-heathrow/>

## **London Southend**

### **New Southend-Newquay air link to be established**

Travel Weekly – 13/01/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/new-southend-newquay-air-link-to-be-established>

## London Stansted

**London Stansted reports busiest ever year as £1.1bn expansion gets underway**

City AM – 13/01/2025

<https://www.cityam.com/london-stansted-reports-busiest-ever-year-as-1-1bn-expansion-gets-underway/>

**The former WW2 RAF base on the Cambridgeshire border now one of UK's busiest airports: The airport where many people start their holidays each year was also once used as a prisoner-of-war camp**

Cambridge News – 12/01/2025

<https://www.cambridge-news.co.uk/news/history/former-ww2-raf-base-cambridgeshire-30761648>

## Manchester

**Why does a bit of snow have such an impact at Manchester Airport?**

Manchester Evening News – 08/01/2025

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/bit-snow-impact-manchester-airport-30735636>

**Manchester airport sees record 2.2m passengers in December**

Travel Weekly – 10/01/2025

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/manchester-airport-sees-record-2-2m-passengers-in-december>

**Manchester Airport incident will be investigated by GMP's Professional Standards**

Manchester Evening News – 09/01/2025

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/manchester-airport-incident-investigated-gmps-30736375>

## Newcastle

**Newcastle Airport's new LEDs to cut carbon emissions by 87 tonnes**

Hexham Courant – 09/01/2025

<https://www.hexham-courant.co.uk/news/24843395.newcastle-airports-new-leds-cut-carbon-emissions-87-tonnes/>





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### 'Cash cow' claims as Newcastle Airport increases parking costs

Gazette Live – 09/01/2025

<https://www.gazettelive.co.uk/news/teesside-news/newcastle-airport-increase-parking-costs-30743384>

### Teesside

### Teesside Airport boosted by Willis and Jet2 partnership

AVI Trader – 10/01/2025

<https://avitrader.com/2025/01/10/teesside-airport-boosted-by-willis-and-jet2-partnership/>