

GATCOM WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN



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CURRENT NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

CAA Consultation: Performance framework for airline accessibility

Closing date: 21/07/2023

<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/corporate-communications/performance-framework-for-airline-accessibility/>

DfT Consultation: Pathway to net zero aviation: developing the UK sustainable aviation fuel mandate

Closing date: 22/06/2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/pathway-to-net-zero-aviation-developing-the-uk-sustainable-aviation-fuel-mandate>

PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

AEF'S Airspace And Noise Community Forum Outlines Policy Concerns To Aviation Minister

AEF – 17/05/2023

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2023/05/17/aefs-airspace-and-noise-community-forum-outlines-policy-concerns-to-aviation-minister/>

AEF Response To CAA Consultation: Environmental Assessments For The Airspace Change Masterplan

AEF – 16/05/2023

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2023/05/16/aef-response-to-caa-consultation-environmental-assessments-for-the-airspace-change-masterplan/>

Building national capability to increase security at airports: Designing and building a security pass data-sharing system for UK airports

Accelerated Capability Environment – 12/05/2023

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/case-studies/building-national-capability-to-increase-security-at-airports>

Sustainable Skies

NATS Blog – 12/05/2023

GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES

London Gatwick lends helping hand to good causes in Kent, Sussex and Surrey

15/05/2023

https://mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/press-releases/all/23_05_15_foundation_fund_recipients_may_2023.aspx

GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA

'Suspected drone' disrupts Gatwick Airport flights

BBC – 15/05/2023

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-sussex-65591023>

Gatwick Airport runway shutdown may have been due to party balloons, claim plane spotters

Sky – 17/05/2023

<https://news.sky.com/story/gatwick-airport-runway-shutdown-may-have-been-due-to-party-balloons-claim-planespotters-12882739>

General Headlines

Lost luggage figures reach 10-year high as 26 million bags go missing at airports in 2022

Independent – 17/05/2023

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/lost-luggage-airports-missing-bags-b2340454.html>

Airport disruption this year would be 'inexcusable', says Jet2 boss

Travel Weekly – 17/05/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/airport-disruption-this-year-would-be-inexcusable-says-jet2-boss>



Strike concerns overshadowing high expectations for summer peak flying
Travel Weekly – 17/05/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/strike-concerns-overshadowing-high-expectations-for-summer-peak-flying>

UK Airports mark “biggest ever” health and safety week

Regional Gateway – 16/05/2023

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/uk-airports-mark-biggest-ever-health-and-safety-week/>

Transatlantic travel hits 99% of pre-pandemic levels

Travel Weekly – 12/05/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/transatlantic-travel-hits-99-of-pre-pandemic-levels>

Ryanair wins legal battle over €6bn Lufthansa state bailout

Travel Weekly – 11/05/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/ryanair-wins-legal-battle-over-e6bn-lufthansa-state-bailout>

Emirates reports record profits as demand for air travel surges

Belfast Telegraph – 11/05/2023

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/business/uk-world/emirates-reports-record-profits-as-demand-for-air-travel-surges/156344021.html>

Passenger news

ABTA issues reminder about post-Brexit passport rules

Travel Weekly – 17/05/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/tourism/abta-issues-reminder-about-post-brexit-passport-rules>

Inside the British Airways course for nervous flyers that helps people with phobias so extreme that seeing suitcases in a store and road signs for an airport causes distress

Mail Online – 13/05/2023

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/travel/article-12067755/Inside-BA-course-nervous-flyers-helps-people-extreme-phobia-plane-travel.html>

Scientist reveals the types of bacteria she found on airplane surfaces

Indy 100 – 12/05/2023

<https://www.indy100.com/tiktok/scientist-bacteria-airplane-tiktok>



Industry news

IATA'S three ground handling priorities: recruitment & retention, global standards and digitalisation

International Airport Review – 16/05/2023

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/185130/iatas-three-ground-handling-priorities-recruitment-retention-global-standards-and-digitalisation/>

Regulator to meet aviation and aerospace leaders in Scotland

CAA – 15/05/2023

<https://www.caa.co.uk/news/regulator-to-meet-aviation-and-aerospace-leaders-in-scotland/>

CAA puts sustainability and connectivity on agenda for Scottish meetings

Travel Weekly – 16/05/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/caa-puts-sustainability-and-connectivity-on-agenda-for-scottish-meetings>

Environmental news

UK-US partnership set to soar with sustainable aviation summit and collaborative approach: UK and US to work together to reduce aviation emissions and accelerate development of sustainable aviation fuel

DfT – 15/05/2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-us-partnership-set-to-soar-with-sustainable-aviation-summit-and-collaborative-approach>

EU Parliament votes to clamp down on carbon-neutral claims backed by offsetting

Airport Watch – 16/05/2023

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2023/05/eu-parliament-votes-to-clamp-down-on-carbon-neutral-claims-backed-by-offsetting/>

UK is 'light years' behind on SAF investment, warns Jet2 chief

Travel Weekly – 17/05/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/uk-is-light-years-behind-on-saf-investment-warns-jet2-chief>

Ministers attend SAF summit in bid for new era of sustainable flights

Travel Weekly – 15/05/2023



<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/ministers-attend-saf-summit-in-bid-for-new-era-of-sustainable-flights>

OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Aberdeen

Aberdeen International Airport launch Campus Watch

ARGS – 17/05/2023

<https://airlinergs.com/aberdeen-international-airport-launch-campus-watch/>

Belfast City

Belfast City Airport revealed as Northern Ireland's most punctual airport

News Letter – 13/05/2023

<https://www.newsletter.co.uk/business/belfast-city-airport-revealed-as-northern-irelands-most-punctual-airport-4141548>

Ireland's newest airline aiming to offer 'personal' flying experience from big Belfast City base

Belfast Telegraph – 15/05/2023

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/business/analysis/irelands-newest-airline-aiming-to-offer-personal-flying-experience-from-big-belfast-city-base/111286869.html>

Birmingham

Birmingham Airport to scrap 100ml liquid hand luggage rule and introduce 'security checkpoints'

Birmingham Mail – 16/05/2023

<https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/birmingham-airport-scrap-100ml-liquid-26926226>

Birmingham Airport to transform passenger security experience with new CT screening technology

Business Wire – 16/05/2023

<https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20230515005612/en/Birmingham-Airport-to-transform-passenger-security-experience-with-new-CT-screening-technology>



Passengers at Birmingham Airport angry and frustrated over two-hour security queues

Coventry Telegraph – 15/05/2023

<https://www.coventrytelegraph.net/news/local-news/passengers-birmingham-airport-angry-frustrated-26915916>

Bristol

Bristol Airport begins work on 2.8-acre solar farm

Solar Power Portal – 16/05/2023

https://www.solarpowerportal.co.uk/news/bristol_airport_begins_work_on_2.8_acre_solar_farm

Bristol Airport parking firm trainee 'took car for joyride'

BBC – 17/05/2023

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-bristol-65313684>

Doncaster Sheffield

Doncaster Sheffield Airport: 'Overwhelming support' for council's bid to preserve control tower, terminal and old RAF Finningley runway to protect them from development

Yorkshire Post – 11/05/2023

<https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/transport/doncaster-sheffield-airport-overwhelming-support-for-councils-bid-to-preserve-control-tower-terminal-and-old-raf-finningley-runway-to-protect-them-from-development-4139276>

Doncaster Sheffield Airport: Protection from demolition plan laid out

BBC – 15/05/2023

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-south-yorkshire-65571351>

City of Doncaster determined to reopen local airport

Flyer – 16/05/2023

<https://flyer.co.uk/city-of-doncaster-determined-to-reopen-local-airport/>

East Midlands

Flying start to East Midlands Airport's 'summer season'

East Midlands Airport – 12/05/2023



<https://mediacentre.eastmidlandsairport.com/flying-start-to-east-midlands-airports-summer-season/>

East Midlands Airport: Passenger numbers up 25% on last year

West Bridgford Wire – 12/05/2023

<https://westbridgfordwire.com/east-midlands-airport-passenger-numbers-up-25-on-last-year/>

New cargo flight takes off between East Midlands and Kentucky

The Business Desk – 17/05/2023

<https://www.thebusinessdesk.com/eastmidlands/news/2071700-new-cargo-flight-takes-off-between-east-midlands-and-kentucky>

Edinburgh

Airline to resume direct Scotland to China flights

STV – 12/05/2023

<https://news.stv.tv/east-central/airline-to-resume-direct-edinburgh-china-flights-for-first-time-four-years>

Edinburgh Airport named as one of the worst for flight delays in the UK

Edinburgh News – 15/05/2023

<https://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/transport/edinburgh-airport-named-as-one-of-the-worst-for-flight-delays-in-the-uk-4142272>

Glasgow

Glasgow Airport Ground Staff Vote In Favor Of New Pay Deal

Simple Flying – 16/05/2023

<https://simpleflying.com/glasgow-airport-ground-staff-new-pay-deal/>

Glasgow Airport boss Andy Cliffe: 'Powerful' city not punching weight

Herald Scotland – 17/05/2023

https://www.heraldscotland.com/business_hq/23527098.glasgow-airport-boss-andy-cliffe-powerful-city-not-punching-weight/

Runway success: 11 little-known facts about Glasgow Airport

The Herald – 17/05/2023

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/23526769.runway-success-11-little-known-facts-glasgow-airport/>



Glasgow Prestwick

Prestwick Airport backing 'interesting use of £50m': Glasgow chief

Herald Scotland – 17/05/2023

https://www.heraldscotland.com/business_hq/23527131.prestwick-airport-backing-interesting-use-50m-glasgow-chief/

Interest in sale of Prestwick Airport but no 'going offers' on table

Glasgow Times – 10/05/2023

<https://www.glasgowtimes.co.uk/news/23512308.interest-sale-prestwick-airport-no-going-offers-table/>

Inverness

WATCH: Celebrating 90 years of air travel from Inverness

Inverness Courier – 11/05/2023

<https://www.inverness-courier.co.uk/news/watch-celebrating-90-years-of-air-travel-from-inverness-313345/>

Liverpool

Liverpool Airport post-pandemic recovery helped by delaying repayment of £30 million council loan

Airport Watch – 16/05/2023

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2023/05/liverpool-airport-post-pandemic-recovery-helped-by-delaying-repayment-of-30-million-council-loan/>

Jet2 unveils 11th base at Liverpool John Lennon Airport

Travel Weekly – 16/05/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/jet2-unveils-11th-base-at-liverpool-john-lennon-airport>

London City

London City Airport's Women in Aviation programme awards East London students after taking part in zero-emission flight challenge

London Post – 14/05/2023

<https://london-post.co.uk/london-city-airports-women-in-aviation-programme-awards-east-london-students-after-taking-part-in-zero-emission-flight-challenge/>



London Heathrow

Worries Sadiq Khan's Ulez will cancel summer as one in three Heathrow staff to be hit by hated scheme: Nearly a third of Heathrow staff will be hit by the hated ULEZ expansion zone

Mail Online – 13/05/2023

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-12079025/Worries-Sadiq-Khans-Ulez-cancel-summer-one-three-Heathrow-staff-hit-scheme.html>

Heathrow airport accused of cynically suppressing pay for its lowest earners

Unite the Union – 15/05/2023

<https://www.unitetheunion.org/news-events/news/2023/may/heathrow-airport-accused-of-cynically-suppressing-pay-for-its-lowest-earners/>

Heathrow vs airlines – dispute continues as parties given permission to appeal price cap

City AM – 11/05/2023

<https://www.cityam.com/heathrow-vs-airlines-dispute-continues-as-parties-given-permission-to-appeal-price-cap/>

Heathrow: London airport lands Coronation boost with 6.4m flyers – and 90 per cent get through security in 10 mins

City AM – 11/05/2023

<https://www.cityam.com/heathrow-londons-airport-lands-coronation-boost-with-6-4m-flyers-and-90-per-cent-get-through-security-in-10-mins/>

Heathrow Airport says passenger numbers 'may be levelling off'

Belfast Telegraph – 11/05/2023

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/business/uk-world/heathrow-airport-says-passenger-numbers-may-be-levelling-off/1495537064.html>

'Ma'am, you can keep your liquids in your bag' — Easier, faster security at Heathrow close to becoming a reality

The Points Guy – 17/05/2023

<https://thepointsguy.com/news/heathrow-simplified-security/>



London Luton

The public's chance to comment on plans to expand Luton Airport - including construction of a second terminal

Bedfordshire Live – 11/05/2023

<https://www.bedfordshirelive.co.uk/news/bedfordshire-news/publics-chance-comment-plans-expand-8428375>

London Stansted

Stansted: London airport reports busiest day of the year as Coronation boosts traffic to 2.4m

City AM – 12/05/2023

<https://www.cityam.com/stansted-london-airport-reports-busiest-day-of-the-year-as-coronation-boosts-traffic-to-2-4m/>

Bumper Easter getaway boosts London Stansted

[Stansted Airport – 12/05/2023](#)

<https://mediacentre.stanstedairport.com/bumper-easter-getaway-boosts-london-stansted/>

Manchester

Passengers evacuated from Manchester Airport as alarm triggered by mistake

Manchester Evening News – 16/05/2023

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/passengers-evacuated-manchester-airport-alarm-26928291>

Manchester Airport launches new flight route to Montenegro

The Oldham Times – 16/05/2023

<https://www.theoldhamtimes.co.uk/news/23522922.manchester-airport-launches-new-flight-route-montenegro/>

Teesside

New Civil Aviation Authority stats reveal Teesside Airport success

The Northern Echo – 12/05/2023

<https://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/23509672.new-civil-aviation-authority-stats-reveal-teesside-airport-success/>