

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

There are currently no open national consultations.

PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

Europe: The Frustrations of a Hub Airport

OAG blog – 06/10/2023

https://www.oag.com/blog/europe-the-frustrations-of-a-hub-airport?utm_medium=email&hsmi=277248340&hsenc=p2ANqtz-8ROqfFRmsCngN1QO5Gam3xSM4sft3nGboCe8MfMQKrHID7WGSiYO8GPrj2AzyAr6USOq7ZpHxkFeA4EymyDm3K_fmTWg&utm_content=277248340&utm_source=hs_email

Embracing the Tech Future of the Airline Business In Three Charts

OAG blog – 25/09/2023

<https://www.oag.com/blog/embracing-the-tech-future-of-the-airline-business-in-three-charts-future-of-travel>

GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES

London Gatwick to enhance opportunities for local and regional businesses through new procurement initiative

10/10/2023

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-to-enhance-opportunities-for-local-and-regional-businesses-through-new-procurement-initiative-a196-40f32.html>



GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA

London airport wins unfortunate title of second-worst in whole of Europe for delays

Metro – 06/10/2023

<https://metro.co.uk/2023/10/06/london-gatwick-airport-has-second-most-flight-delays-in-europe-19617793/?ito=newsnow-feed>

Gatwick second runway ‘would enable more long-haul flights’

Travel Weekly – 05/10/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/gatwick-second-runway-would-enable-more-long-haul-flights>

Atlantic Airways Is London Gatwick Airport's 14th Airline Addition Since 2022

Simple Flying – 09/10/2023

<https://simpleflying.com/atlantic-airways-adds-gatwick/>

London Gatwick Airport: Passenger Advisory Group recruiting new volunteers to represent views of passengers

Sussex World – 06/10/2023

<https://www.sussexexpress.co.uk/news/transport/london-gatwick-airport-passenger-advisory-group-recruiting-new-volunteers-to-represent-views-of-passengers-4362256>

General Headlines

Some European airports ‘still struggling’ to stage Covid recovery

Travel Weekly – 11/10/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/some-european-airports-still-struggling-to-stage-covid-recovery>

Global air travel in August reached 96% of pre-Covid levels

Travel Weekly – 05/10/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/global-air-travel-in-august-reached-96-of-pre-covid-levels>

Review of August air traffic control meltdown at Hampshire-based Nats will consider cost to airlines

ITV – 06/10/2023

<https://www.itv.com/news/meridian/2023-10-06/review-of-air-traffic-control-meltdown-at-nats-will-consider-cost-to-airlines>



Passenger news

Will a potential airline strike affect travel this year? It depends

The Points Guy – 04/10/2023

<https://thepointsguy.com/news/airline-employee-strike/>

Industry news

CAA Launch Independent Review into August Bank Holiday ATC Disruption

Ni Travel News – 06/10/2023

<https://nitravelnews.com/news/caa-launch-independent-review-into-august-bank-holiday-atc-disruption/>

CAA appoints Rob Bishton as chief executive

Travel Weekly – 06/10/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/caa-appoints-rob-bishton-as-chief-executive>

Environmental news

EasyJet first to sign for Airbus carbon removal initiative

Travel Weekly – 10/10/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/easyjet-first-to-sign-for-airbus-carbon-removal-initiative>

OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Aberdeen

Hub of the Year win for Aberdeen International Airport

Grampian Online – 06/10/2023

<https://www.grampianonline.co.uk/news/hub-of-the-year-win-for-aberdeen-international-airport-328818/>

Aberdonians share memories of first holidays abroad as 1970s airport photo goes viral

Press & Journal – 10/10/2023

<https://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/fp/news/aberdeen-aberdeenshire/6216399/aberdonians-share-memories-1970s-airport-photo/>



Belfast International

Assaults against police and security staff at Belfast International Airport are up fourfold

Belfast Telegraph – 05/10/2023

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/assaults-against-police-and-security-staff-at-belfast-international-airport-are-up-fourfold/a1456276051.html>

easyJet poised for Belfast expansion 25 years after first flight

Travel Weekly – 05/10/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/easyjet-poised-for-belfast-expansion-25-years-after-first-flight>

Bristol

Bristol Airport travellers warned over major changes in place for 18 months from today

Plymouth Herald – 05/10/2023

<https://www.plymouthherald.co.uk/news/local-news/bristol-airport-travellers-warned-over-8805539>

Bristol Airport appoints planning and sustainability director

Business Live – 10/10/2023

<https://www.business-live.co.uk/enterprise/bristol-airport-appoints-planning-sustainability-27881299>

‘It Is Important To Call Out Bristol Airport’s Greenwashing For What It Is’

Bristol 247 – 04/10/2023

<https://www.bristol247.com/opinion/your-say/it-is-important-to-call-out-bristol-airports-greenwashing-for-what-it-is/>

Doncaster Sheffield

Political leaders confident Doncaster Sheffield Airport will reopen

The Yorkshire Post – 08/10/2023

<https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/politics/political-leaders-confident-doncaster-sheffield-airport-will-reopen-4364223>



East Midlands

Rushcliffe police join taxi driver checks at East Midlands Airport

West Bridgford Wire – 07/10/2023

<https://westbridgfordwire.com/rushcliffe-police-join-taxi-driver-checks-at-east-midlands-airport/>

Edinburgh

Edinburgh man, 96, left plane alone after panicking 'special assistance wasn't coming'

Edinburgh Live – 08/10/2023

<https://www.edinburghlive.co.uk/news/edinburgh-news/edinburgh-man-96-left-plane-27867550>

Edinburgh Airport wins Canary Islands flight route subsidy

The Herald – 09/10/2023

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/23843155.edinburgh-airport-wins-canary-islands-flight-route-subsidy/>

Exeter

Exeter Airport launches new winter sun destinations

Plymouth Herald – 08/10/2023

<https://www.plymouthherald.co.uk/whats-on/whats-on-news/exeter-airport-tui-new-flights-8804147>

Farnborough

Q&A: Farnborough Airport CEO lifts the lid on flight expansion plans

Farnham Herald – 08/10/2023

<https://www.farnhamherald.com/news/qa-farnborough-airport-ceo-lifts-the-lid-on-flight-expansion-plans-642426>

Letters: Should private-plane users be able to inflict noise and pollution on the rest of us?

Liphook Herald – 09/10/2023

<https://www.liphookherald.com/news/letters-should-private-plane-users-be-able-to-inflict-noise-and-pollution-on-the-rest-of-us-642409>



Glasgow

Passengers flock back to Glasgow Airport as market realigns

The Herald – 10/10/2023

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/23846421.passengers-flock-back-glasgow-airport-market-realigns/>

Pret A Manger set to open at Glasgow Airport

Glasgow Times – 10/10/2023

<https://www.glasgowtimes.co.uk/news/scottish-news/23846296.pret-manger-set-open-glasgow-airport/>

Leeds Bradford

Leeds Bradford Airport boss to meet local people over plans to increase night flights

ITV – 05/10/2023

<https://www.itv.com/news/calendar/2023-10-05/airport-ceo-to-meet-residents-over-more-night-time-flights-at-leeds-bradford>

Angry public meeting discusses Leeds Bradford Airport night flight concerns

West Leeds Dispatch – 06/10/2023

<https://westleedsdispatch.com/angry-public-meeting-discusses-leeds-bradford-airport-night-flight-concerns/>

Do you recognise this airport in the middle of fields?

Telegraph & Argus – 11/10/2023

<https://www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk/news/23830474.recognise-airport-middle-fields/>

Liverpool

Three new sunny destinations announced by Jet 2 to fly from Liverpool

Warrington Guardian – 10/10/2023

<https://www.warringtonguardian.co.uk/news/23844854.three-new-sunny-destinations-announced-jet-2-fly-liverpool/>



London City

'I flew from London City Airport for the first time and I'm never bothering with Heathrow or Gatwick ever again'

My London – 08/10/2023

<https://www.mylondon.news/lifestyle/lifestyle-opinion/i-flew-london-city-airport-27826061>

London Heathrow

Heathrow Airport's recovery caps tenure of transformational CEO

International Airport Review – 10/10/2023

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/189790/heathrow-airports-recovery-caps-tenure-of-transformational-ceo/>

Heathrow says passenger numbers above pre-pandemic levels for first time

Sky – 11/10/2023

<https://news.sky.com/story/heathrow-says-passenger-numbers-above-pre-pandemic-levels-for-first-time-12982165>

'We had 45 different back-end systems': Heathrow Airport's digital transformation explained: Heathrow's digital director explains how he has modernised the airport's digital platform to try and create a better customer experience

Tech Monitor – 05/10/2023

<https://techmonitor.ai/movers-and-shakers/heathrow-airport-digital-transformation>

Heathrow chaos as Terminal 3 is evacuated a day following security scare - a day after T4 was cleared when man 'pressed alarms'

Daily Mail – 10/10/2023

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-12613873/London-Heathrow-Airport-chaos-Terminal-3-evacuated.html>



London Luton

Luton airport fire: 25,000 passengers suffer disruption as flights suspended until 3pm

iNews – 11/10/2023

<https://inews.co.uk/news/luton-airport-fire-passengers-disrupted-flights-suspended-2679011?ITO=newsnow>

London Southend

Southend Airport fighting back to pre-Covid heyday

Yellow Ad – 05/10/2023

<https://www.yellowad.co.uk/southend-airport-fighting-back-to-pre-covid-heyday/>

Southend Airport ready to accept diversions from Luton

Echo – 11/10/2023

<https://www.echo-news.co.uk/news/23848220.southend-airport-ready-accept-diversions-luton/>

London Stansted

Stansted night flights – how the airport gets far more than its theoretical summer maximum

Airport Watch – 10/10/2023

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2023/10/stansted-night-flights-how-the-airport-gets-far-more-than-its-theoretical-summer-maximum/>

London Stansted Airport passenger revival sparks fresh calls to scrap tourist tax

City AM – 10/10/2023

<https://www.cityam.com/london-stansted-airport-passenger-revival-sparks-fresh-calls-to-scrap-tourist-tax/>

Manchester

Metrolink: Government clarifies Network North plans including Terminal 2 link for Manchester Airport

Manchester World – 09/10/2023

<https://www.manchesterworld.uk/news/network-north-could-include-better-connections-to-manchester-airport-4365350>



Newcastle

Newcastle College and Newcastle International Airport celebrate 15 years of collaboration

Bdaily – 10/10/2023

<https://www.bdaily.co.uk/articles/2023/10/10/newcastle-college-and-newcastle-international-airport-celebrate-15-years-of-collaboration>

Brits praise UK's 'most relaxing airport' for 'hassle-free security' and quick queues

Mirror – 05/10/2023

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/travel/news/brits-praise-uks-most-relaxing-31110499>

Newcastle Airport unveils plans for £1.7m upgrade to executive lounge

Chronicle Live – 11/10/2023

<https://www.chroniclelive.co.uk/whats-on/travel-tourism/newcastle-airport-unveils-plans-17m-27881816>

Teesside

Teesside Airport reveals summer passenger numbers

The Northern Echo – 08/10/2023

<https://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/23836187.teesside-airport-reveals-summer-passenger-numbers/>

Tees Talk – the regeneration of Teesside International Airport

Tees Business – 10/10/2023

<https://teesbusiness.co.uk/2023/10/10/tees-talk-the-regeneration-of-teesside-international-airport/>