

# 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**

**Airport industry intelligence report 2023: This Airport Intelligence Report seeks to provide a comprehensive overview of the current state of affairs within the aviation industry, with a particular focus on sustainability, accessibility, airport experience, airspace modernisation, and technological advancements**

International Airport Review – 16/10/2023

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/article/189706/airport-industry-intelligence-report-2023/>

## **GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES**

**London Gatwick grows food and beverage offer as airport announces newest openings – 18/10/2023**

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-grows-food-and-beverage-offer-as-airport-announces-newest-openings-0cef-40f32.html>

**Two weeks left to send your views on London Gatwick's growth plans to the Planning Inspectorate – 16/10/2023**

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/two-weeks-left-to-send-your-views-on-london-gatwicks-growth-plans-to-the-planning-inspectorate-cc34-40f32.html>



## General Headlines

### **Ryanair's O'Leary launches tirade against NATS after 'tissue of lies' on air traffic failure**

City AM – 18/10/2023

<https://www.cityam.com/ryanairs-oleary-launches-tirade-against-nats-after-tissue-of-lies-on-air-traffic-failure/>

### **Analysis: Airlines won a wider review of air traffic control shutdown**

Travel Weekly – 18/10/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/analysis-airlines-won-a-wider-review-of-air-traffic-control-shutdown>

### **MPs to probe industry leaders over air traffic control meltdown**

Travel Weekly – 13/10/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/mps-to-probe-industry-leaders-over-air-traffic-control-meltdown>

### **Air-traffic control failure: what will be different next time?**

Independent – 18/10/2023

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/air-traffic-control-failure-airlines-nats-b2429869.html>

### **Holiday bookings expected to return to pre-Covid levels with autumn surge**

Travel Weekly – 13/10/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/holiday-bookings-expected-to-return-to-pre-covid-levels-with-autumn-surge>

## Passenger news

### **Which? calls for urgent intervention as airlines rack up £11 million in court judgments and passenger adjudication rulings**

Which? – 14/10/2023

<https://press.which.co.uk/whichpressreleases/which-calls-for-urgent-intervention-as-airlines-rack-up-11-million-in-court-judgments-and-passenger-adjudication-rulings/>

### **The end of carry-on baggage chaos? Game-changing supersized overhead luggage bins are increasingly commonplace - with Lufthansa fitting them in 2025**

Daily Mail – 17/10/2023



<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/travel/article-12627879/The-end-carry-baggage-chaos-Game-changing-supersized-overhead-luggage-bins-increasingly-commonplace-Lufthansa-fitting-2025.html>

## **Airlines and operators urged to highlight new Air Passenger Travel Guide**

Travel weekly 14/10/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/airlines-and-operators-urged-to-highlight-new-air-passenger-travel-guide>

## **Industry news**

### **New trials move the UK closer to allowing everyday drone deliveries and flying beyond visual line of sight**

CAA – 17/10/2023

<https://www.caa.co.uk/newsroom/news/new-trials-move-the-uk-closer-to-allowing-everyday-drone-deliveries-and-flying-beyond-visual-line-of-sight/>

## **Environmental news**

### **CMA: ‘Understand how to agree green goals without breaking the law’**

Travel Weekly – 12/10/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/understand-how-to-agree-green-goals-without-breaking-the-law>

## **OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS**

### **Belfast International**

#### **Belfast International to get new security building**

BBC – 18/10/2023

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-67132466>

#### **£100m refurbishment at Belfast International Airport to include solar farm**

Belfast Telegraph – 17/10/2023

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/video-news/100m-refurbishment-at-belfast-international-airport-to-include-solar-farm/a1178765586.html>



## **Birmingham**

### **Birmingham Airport's £50m security hall build reaches half way point**

The Business Desk – 18/10/2023

<https://www.thebusinessdesk.com/westmidlands/news/2078649-birmingham-airports-50m-security-hall-build-reaches-half-way-point>

## **Bristol**

### **Bristol Airport 'most expensive' to reach in UK research shows**

Somerset Live – 17/10/2023

<https://www.somersetlive.co.uk/news/somerset-news/bristol-airport-most-expensive-reach-8835692>

## **Doncaster Sheffield**

### **Mayor urges public to avoid misinformation surrounding Doncaster Sheffield Airport**

Doncaster Free Press – 17/10/2023

<https://www.doncasterfreepress.co.uk/business/mayor-urges-public-to-avoid-misinformation-surrounding-doncaster-sheffield-airport-4375657>

## **East Midlands**

### **East Midlands Airport shortlisted in national award for excellence**

Derbyshire Times – 13/10/2023

<https://www.derbyshiretimes.co.uk/news/transport/east-midlands-airport-shortlisted-in-national-award-for-excellence-4371343>

### **25% rise in East Midlands Airport passenger numbers**

Business Live – 17/10/2023

<https://www.business-live.co.uk/ports-logistics/25-rise-east-midlands-airport-27895815>

### **High-flying jobs boost as East Midlands Airport sets up new academy with free courses on offer**

Leicester Mercury – 18/10/2023

<https://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/news/local-news/high-flying-jobs-boost-east-8837349>



## Edinburgh

### **Wizz airline scraps Edinburgh airport as it moves Europe flights to Glasgow**

Edinburgh News – 12/10/2023

<https://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/people/wizz-airline-scrap-edinburgh-airport-as-it-moves-europe-flights-to-glasgow-4369633>

## Farnborough

### **Farnborough Airport embarks on one of the largest solar installations in the South East**

Travel Daily Media – 18/10/2023

<https://www.traveldailymedia.com/farnborough-airport-embarks-on-one-of-the-largest-solar-installations-in-the-south-east/>

### **Farnborough Airport's top critic silenced by police injunction just weeks before expansion plans announced**

Liphook Herald – 11/10/2023

<https://www.liphookherald.com/news/farnborough-airports-top-critic-silenced-by-police-injunction-just-weeks-before-expansion-plans-announced-643508>

## Glasgow

### **'Convenient' car parking facility opens at Glasgow Airport**

Glasgow Times – 18/10/2023

<https://www.glasgowtimes.co.uk/news/23861605.convenient-car-parking-facility-opens-glasgow-airport/>

## Glasgow Prestwick

### **Taxi firm issue warning over Glasgow Airport drop-off's**

Glasgow Times – 17/10/2023

<https://www.glasgowtimes.co.uk/news/23861620.taxi-firm-issue-warning-glasgow-airport-drop-offs/>



## Leeds Bradford

### Leeds Bradford airport £100m terminal expansion set for completion in 2026

Travel Weekly – 17/10/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/leeds-bradford-airport-100m-terminal-expansion-set-for-completion-in-2026>

### Leeds Bradford Airport: Reaction as LBA announces 'overdue' £100m terminal expansion to get underway

Yorkshire Evening Post – 17/10/2023

<https://www.yorkshireeveningpost.co.uk/news/transport/leeds-bradford-airport-reaction-as-lba-announces-overdue-ps100m-terminal-expansion-to-get-underway-4374111>

## London City

### UK airport where security takes 'just nine minutes' and planes are less than half full

Express – 15/10/2023

<https://www.express.co.uk/travel/articles/1821788/uk-airport-security-nine-minutes>

## London Heathrow

### New Heathrow boss pledges to make hub 'even better'

Travel Weekly – 18/10/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/new-heathrow-boss-pledges-to-make-hub-even-better>

### Heathrow: CMA tells aviation regulator to look at price cap again as row rumbles on

City AM – 17/10/2023

<https://www.cityam.com/heathrow-cma-tells-aviation-regulator-to-look-at-price-cap-again-as-row-rumbles-on/>

### OPINION - Why air passengers are flocking to post-Covid Heathrow: The Leader podcast

Evening Standard – 12/10/2023

<https://www.standard.co.uk/comment/podcasts/why-air-passengers-travel-post-covid-heathrow-b1113023.html>



## **Heathrow half-term baggage workers' strike called off**

Travel Weekly – 18/10/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/heathrow-half-term-baggage-workers-strike-called-off>

## **The UK's busiest airport terminals revealed**

Independent – 17/10/2023

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/uk-busiest-airport-terminals-heathrow-stansted-b2431017.html>

## **5 Defining Events From London Heathrow Airport's History**

Simple Flying – 16/10/2023

<https://simpleflying.com/london-heathrow-airport-defining-events-list/>

### **London Luton**

## **Government approves plans to increase Luton Airport capacity**

Local Gov – 17/10/2023

<https://www.localgov.co.uk/Government-approves-plans-to-increase-Luton-Airport-capacity/58168>

## **'Unlikely' any cars in Luton airport fire will be salvageable**

Travel Weekly – 16/10/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/unlikely-any-cars-in-luton-airport-fire-will-be-salvageable>

### **London Stansted**

## **Stansted boss: Scrap the 'tourist tax' to keep London competitive**

City AM – 18/10/2023

<https://www.cityam.com/stansted-boss-scrap-the-tourist-tax-to-keep-london-competitive/>

### **Manchester**

## **Manchester Airport forced to close airfield after police receive 'hoax email claiming there was a suspicious package on a flight'**

Daily Mail – 17/10/2023

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-12641821/Police-fire-crews-rush-runway-Manchester-Airport-deal-ongoing-incident.html>