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CURRENT NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

CAA Statutory Charges Consultation 2024 - 2025

Closing date: 15/11/2023

<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/finance/uk-caa-scheme-of-charges-24-25/>

CAA consultation: The CAA, working with the DfT, is proposing to introduce a new regulation to help in the protection of UK aviation from cyber attacks. This regulation will ensure that the UK is actively engaging with the increase threat from cyber, and the UK aviation industry is properly protected

Closing date: 22/12/2023

<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/cyber-security/uk-isms-regulation/>

PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

Net zero and the role of the aviation industry: How flying less frequently and less far can buy time for decarbonization solutions

Chatham House Research Paper – 15/11/2023

<https://www.chathamhouse.org/2023/11/net-zero-and-role-aviation-industry>

UK government leads the way towards decarbonising air travel as new global agreement takes flight

DfT – 24/11/2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-government-leads-the-way-towards-decarbonising-air-travel-as-new-global-agreement-takes-flight>

The future of flight takes off as Virgin airliner crosses Atlantic solely powered by sustainable aviation fuel

DfT – 28/11/2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-future-of-flight-takes-off-as-virgin-airliner-crosses-atlantic-solely-powered-by-sustainable-aviation-fuel>



Tech Secretary strips back red tape to unleash innovation in clean aviation, drones and autonomous marine tech

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology & CAA – 27/11/2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tech-secretary-strips-back-red-tape-to-unleash-innovation-in-clean-aviation-drones-and-autonomous-marine-tech>

[A year of progress for our responsible business](#)

NATS blog – 23/11/2023

[Remembering Concorde – controlling Speedbird One](#)

NATS blog – 29/11/2023

GATCOM MEDIA RELEASES

GATCOM meets all statutory obligations – 28/11/2023

<https://www.gatcom.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/GATCOM-Press-release-28112023.pdf>

GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES

The airpawt for everyone: London Gatwick welcomes Guide Dogs UK visit– 28/11/2023

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/the-airpawt-for-everyone-london-gatwick-welcomes-guide-dogs-uk-visit-2944-40f32.html>

GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA

Horsham MP, Jeremy Quinn, opposed to Gatwick expansion, partly due to road congestion and hospital access

Airport Watch – 23/11/2023

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2023/11/horsham-mp-jeremy-quinn-opposed-to-gatwick-expansion-partly-due-to-road-congestion-and-hospital-access/>

Protecting woodlands, wetlands and willows under London Gatwick's Biodiversity Action Plan



International Airport Review – 23/11/2023

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/article/189355/protecting-woodlands-wetlands-and-willows-under-london-gatwicks-biodiversity-action-plan/>

Gatwick campaign group organises FREE talks to coincide with COP28

Yahoo – 27/11/2023

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/gatwick-campaign-group-organises-free-091744932.html>

EasyJet reaches new long-term base deal with Gatwick

Flight Global – 28/11/2023

<https://www.flightglobal.com/networks/easyjet-reaches-new-long-term-base-deal-with-gatwick/156005.article>

General Headlines

Airspace closures, staff shortages and ageing tech: What's behind 2023's air traffic disruption?

Yahoo – 26/11/2023

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/airspace-closures-staff-shortages-ageing-070014360.html>

Mixed response from travel and tourism bosses to chancellor's autumn statement

Travel Weekly – 22/11/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/mixed-response-from-travel-and-tourism-bosses-to-chancellors-autumn-statement>

Jet2 hit by wildfires and flooding but profit soars

The Standard – 23/11/2023

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/jet2-greek-graham-rhodes-canary-islands-b1122214.html>

Passenger news

EU Passengers Rights Boost: Travellers to get Refunds for Cancelled Flights Within 14 Days

NI Travel News – 29/11/2023

<https://nitravelnews.com/news/eu-passengers-rights-boost-travellers-to-get-refunds-for-cancelled-flights-within-14-days/>



Industry news

AOA Response To The Autumn Statement

AOA – 23/11/2023

<https://www.aoa.org.uk/aoa-response-to-the-autumn-statement/>

Environmental news

UK government hails Virgin transatlantic flight using greener fuel

London South East – 28/11/2023

<https://www.lse.co.uk/news/uk-government-hails-virgin-transatlantic-flight-using-greener-fuel-x9pqbh9sxlhtcv.html>

Virgin “SAF” flight – it’s just unrealistic aviation hype to delay real emissions cuts

Airport Watch – 28/11/2023

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2023/11/virgin-saf-flight-its-just-unrealistic-aviation-hype-to-delay-real-emissions-cuts/>

ACI applauds ICAO goal for sustainable aviation fuel

International Airport Review – 27/11/2023

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/190765/aci-applauds-icao-goal-for-sustainable-aviation-fuel/>

Analysis: Environmental observers question benefits of SAF

Travel Weekly – 29/11/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/in-depth/special-reports/analysis-environmental-observers-question-benefits-of-saf>

Updated: Global compromise reached on cutting airline emissions

Travel Weekly – 27/11/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/global-compromise-reached-on-cutting-airline-emissions>

Hydrogen-electric aircraft start-up wins \$116m in financing

Travel Weekly – 28/11/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/hydrogen-electric-aircraft-start-up-wins-116m-in-financing>



OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Aberdeen

Russell Anderson charity joins with airport and energy firm to provide kitchen for Aberdeen primary

Aberdeen Live – 28/11/2023

<https://www.aberdeenlive.news/news/aberdeen-news/russell-anderson-charity-joins-airport-8938854>

Belfast City

EasyJet set to launch flights to Palma de Mallorca from Belfast City Airport

Irish News – 28/11/2023

https://www.irishnews.com/business/2023/11/29/news/easyjet_set_to_launch_flights_to_palma_de_mallorca_from_belfast_city_airport-3806375/

Belfast International

easyJet Belfast new route announced alongside 40 new jobs

Belfast Live – 29/11/2023

<https://www.belfastlive.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/easyjet-belfast-new-route-announced-28193624>

'Hawker': New Asian 'street food' venture launched at Belfast International Airport

Irish News – 27/11/2023

https://www.irishnews.com/business/businessnews/2023/11/27/news/hawker_new_asian_street_food_venture_launched_at_belfast_international_airport-3803011/

Birmingham

Birmingham airport surpasses pre-Covid passenger levels

Business Traveller – 23/11/2023

<https://www.businesstraveller.com/business-travel/2023/11/23/birmingham-airport-surpasses-pre-covid-passenger-levels/>



Quba flies in to “revolutionise” Birmingham Airport

Prolific North – 24/11/2023

<https://www.prolificnorth.co.uk/news/quba-flies-in-to-revolutionise-birmingham-airport/>

EasyJet brings forward opening of Birmingham airport base

Travel Weekly – 29/11/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/easyjet-brings-forward-opening-of-birmingham-airport-base>

On location: WHSmith Travel opens latest flagship store at Birmingham Airport

The Moodie Davitt Report – 29/11/2023

<https://www.moodiedavittreport.com/on-location-whsmith-travel-opens-latest-flagship-store-at-birmingham-airport/>

Bristol

How Bristol Airport is achieving net zero status by 2030

International Airport Review – 28/11/2023

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/article/189233/how-bristol-airport-is-achieving-net-zero-status-by-2030/>

Bristol Airport under fire over ‘bus shelter’ prayer room

Independent – 24/11/2023

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/bristol-airport-prayer-room-bus-shelter-b2452794.html>

Bristol Airport responds after backlash to multi-faith area

BBC – 24/11/2023

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-bristol-67515244>

East Midlands

East Midlands Airport control tower lights up for hospice appeal

West Bridgford Wire – 24/11/2023

<https://westbridgfordwire.com/east-midlands-airport-control-tower-lights-up-for-hospice-appeal/>

Edinburgh

Café Drambuie activation marries whiskey and coffee at Edinburgh Airport

The Moodie Davitt Report – 24/11/2023



<https://www.moodiedavittreport.com/cafe-drambuie-activation-marries-whiskey-and-coffee-at-edinburgh-airport/>

Edinburgh flights: EasyJet adds new routes from Edinburgh Airport to Lapland, Egypt, Rome and Bordeaux

Edinburgh News – 28/11/2023

<https://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/lifestyle/travel/edinburgh-flights-easyjet-adds-new-routes-from-edinburgh-airport-to-lapland-egypt-rome-and-bordeaux-4426476>

Farnborough

Farnborough Airport named FBO of the Year for the third year in a row at the Air Charter Excellence Awards 2023

Travel Daily Media – 29/11/2023

<https://www.traveldailymedia.com/farnborough-airport-named-fbo-of-the-year-for-the-third-year-in-a-row-at-the-air-charter-excellence-awards-2023/>

Opinion: Farnborough Airport expansion plans 'frankly unbelievable'

Alton Herald – 23/11/2023

<https://www.altonherald.com/news/opinion-farnborough-airport-expansion-plans-frankly-unbelievable-651611>

Glasgow

EasyJet expansion at Glasgow Airport to create 40 jobs

The Renfrewshire Gazette – 28/11/2023

<https://www.the-gazette.co.uk/news/23952781.easyjet-expansion-glasgow-airport-create-40-jobs/>

Glasgow Airport begins construction of Scotland's largest airport-based solar farm

Passenger Terminal Today – 29/11/2023

<https://www.passengerterminaltoday.com/news/operations-news/glasgow-airport-begins-construction-of-scotlands-largest-airport-based-solar-farm.html>



Leeds Bradford

Leeds Bradford Airport: Disruption expected for passengers while security upgrade work is carried out

Yorkshire Evening Post – 27/11/2023

<https://www.yorkshireeveningpost.co.uk/news/transport/leeds-bradford-airport-disruption-expected-for-passengers-while-security-upgrade-work-is-carried-out-4424480>

Leeds Bradford passengers to keep items in hand baggage after security revamp

Travel Weekly – 27/11/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/leeds-bradford-passengers-to-keep-items-in-hand-baggage-after-security-revamp>

Liverpool

Jet2holidays are expanding their summer programme from Liverpool John Lennon Airport

The Guide Liverpool – 29/11/2023

<https://theguideliverpool.com/jet2holidays-are-expanding-their-summer-programme-from-liverpool-john-lennon-airport/>

London City

Over 500 East London students participate in London City Airport's 'STEM in Aviation Day' – 'fuelling our future'

London Post – 27/11/2023

<https://london-post.co.uk/over-500-east-london-students-participate-in-london-city-airports-stem-in-aviation-day-fuelling-our-future/>

London Heathrow

Ardian and Saudi's PIF Acquires 25% Stake in London Heathrow Airport, Valued at \$3bn

Private Equity Insights – 29/11/2023

<https://pe-insights.com/news/2023/11/29/ardian-and-saudis-pif-acquires-25-stake-in-london-heathrow-airport-valued-at-3bn/>



Heathrow accuses ministers of stalling over greener jet fuel

The Standard – 24/11/2023

<https://www.standard.co.uk/business/business-news/heathrow-accuses-ministers-of-stalling-over-greener-jet-fuel-b1122388.html>

Heathrow passengers miss flights amid disruption on Tube, Elizabeth Line and airport express trains

Yahoo – 27/11/2023

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/heathrow-passengers-miss-flights-amid-110114589.html>

Bid to move British Airways Concorde from Heathrow to the River Thames in London

Yahoo – 27/11/2023

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/bid-move-british-airways-concorde-102607668.html>

London Luton

Luton Airport expansion 'central' to council's mission to eliminate poverty in the town

Luton Today – 28/11/2023

<https://www.lutontoday.co.uk/news/politics/council/luton-airport-expansion-central-to-councils-mission-to-eliminate-poverty-in-the-town-4426425>

Luton Airport expansion plan that could create 11k new jobs goes before planning inspectorate

Luton Today – 27/11/2023

<https://www.lutontoday.co.uk/news/politics/council/luton-airport-expansion-plan-that-could-create-11k-new-jobs-goes-before-planning-inspectorate-4424452>

Plea to pause expansion plans for Luton Airport

BBC – 28/11/2023

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c4n4q8gv2e8o>

Wizz Air adds Salzburg route from Luton

Travel Weekly – 23/11/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/wizz-air-adds-salzburg-route-from-luton>



London Southend

Southend Airport easyJet flights spark calls for base return

Echo – 27/11/2023

<https://www.echo-news.co.uk/news/23950970.southend-airport-easyjet-flights-spark-calls-base-return/>

Renewables disposal allows Esken to focus on sale of London Southend Airport

The Business Desk – 29/11/2023

<https://www.thebusinessdesk.com/northwest/news/2124907-renewables-disposal-allows-esken-to-focus-on-sale-of-london-southend-airport>

London Stansted

Stansted Airport named among the best with some of the least number of summer flights cancelled

Essex Live – 26/11/2023

<https://www.essexlive.news/news/essex-news/stansted-airport-named-among-best-8927315>

Ryanair introduces winter Newquay-Stansted route

Travel Weekly – 23/11/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/ryanair-introduces-winter-newquay-stansted-route>

Manchester

easyJet announces expansion of operations from Manchester Airport

Marketing Stockport – 29/11/2023

<https://marketingstockport.co.uk/news/easyjet-announce-expansion-of-operations-from-manchester-airport/>

Manchester Airport flight 'sets off three hours late for Sweden trip without passenger bags'

Manchester Evening News – 23/11/2023

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/manchester-airport-flight-sets-three-28163869>

Manchester Airport's little-known bar with no queues and runway view that everyone misses



Mancs Live – 27/11/2023

<https://www.lancs.live/whats-on/food-drink-news/manchester-airports-little-known-bar-28181120>

Newcastle

Newcastle International Airport achieves record score in sustainability assessment

Northumberland Gazette – 24/11/2023

<https://www.northumberlandgazette.co.uk/business/newcastle-international-airport-achieves-record-score-in-sustainability-assessment-4421855>

Southampton

EasyJet expands Southampton flights with new route to Majorca

Eastleigh News – 28/11/2023

<https://www.eastleighnews.co.uk/2023/11/easyjet-southampton-flights-with-new-route-majorca/>

Teesside

Teesside International Airport voted among best for leisure travel at British Travel Awards

Gazette Live – 29/11/2023

<https://www.gazettelive.co.uk/news/teesside-news/teesside-international-airport-voted-among-28194230>