

# GATCOM WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN



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## CURRENT NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

### **DfT consultation: Airport slot allocation system reform**

Closing date: 09/02/2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/airport-slot-allocation-system-reform>

### **CAA Statutory Charges Consultation 2024 - 2025**

Closing date: 15/11/2023

<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/finance/uk-cao-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

### **Half of airport leaders worry about their financial stability despite bounce back of the aviation industry**

International Airport Review – 30/11/2023

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/190933/half-of-airport-leaders-worry-about-their-financial-stability-despite-bounce-back-of-the-aviation-industry/>

### **Comment: AI will have a far-reaching impact on aviation**

Travel Weekly – 06/12/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/in-depth/comment/comment-ai-will-have-a-far-reaching-impact-on-aviation>



**Advanced air mobility evidence review: Research into new and emerging aviation technologies for transporting people and goods, including small electric and automated aircraft**

Independent report for DfT – 05/12/2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/advanced-air-mobility-evidence-review>

**[Virgin Atlantic showcases 100% SAF feasibility in historic flight](#)**

NATS blog – 01/12/2023

**The New Technology Assisting Seasonal Travel**

OAG blog – 04/12/2023

[https://www.oag.com/blog/technology-assisting-seasonal-travel?utm\\_medium=email&hsmi=285094800&hsenc=p2ANqtz-888QFpbpO0\\_M\\_WWmV9axvt8abGRQ7hXwE1iBKvnXRB\\_U\\_HyVZ9b\\_BnmJiqKaDJtro6oKsDwNstLZBj-IMbHhnsUPGymQ&utm\\_content=285094800&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://www.oag.com/blog/technology-assisting-seasonal-travel?utm_medium=email&hsmi=285094800&hsenc=p2ANqtz-888QFpbpO0_M_WWmV9axvt8abGRQ7hXwE1iBKvnXRB_U_HyVZ9b_BnmJiqKaDJtro6oKsDwNstLZBj-IMbHhnsUPGymQ&utm_content=285094800&utm_source=hs_email)

**GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES**

**Proposed project changes to London Gatwick's Northern Runway plan**

07/12/2023

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/proposed-project-changes-to-london-gatwicks-northern-runway-plan-93d2-40f32.html>

**GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA**

**London Gatwick's plans to become dual-runway airport move ahead**

International Airport Review – 04/12/2023

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/article/189599/london-gatwicks-plans-to-become-dual-runway-airport-move-ahead/>

**Gatwick Express hit by latest train strike as drivers walk-out across five southern rail operators**

AOL – 06/12/2023

[https://www.aol.co.uk/news/gatwick-express-hit-latest-train-090201782.html?guccounter=1&guce\\_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ29vZ2xlLmNvbS8&guce\\_referrer\\_sig=AQAAAFihPGVDzX-8lWGqqC2sCAfvH8wKopFYMMis3X3VYJGP6G\\_Qa\\_JpuxNL81BPfXaE\\_bGT\\_CelGSFdfcVjXRTg-](https://www.aol.co.uk/news/gatwick-express-hit-latest-train-090201782.html?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ29vZ2xlLmNvbS8&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAAFihPGVDzX-8lWGqqC2sCAfvH8wKopFYMMis3X3VYJGP6G_Qa_JpuxNL81BPfXaE_bGT_CelGSFdfcVjXRTg-)



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wsQHTFMkXWbHyWRrbPbovZkdLelfMBIr4qZJU3TgKp1vfitNr6QKxh3gb](https://www.gatwickairport.com/news/2023/12/06/gatwick-airport-station-upgrade-enters-into-service)

### **Gatwick Airport's station upgrade enters into service**

BDC Magazine – 06/12/2023

<https://bdcmagazine.com/2023/12/gatwick-airports-station-upgrade-enters-into-service/>

### **New BrewDog London Gatwick Airport bar opens for business with exclusive airport beer**

Sussex Express – 06/12/2023

<https://www.sussexexpress.co.uk/business/new-brewdog-london-gatwick-airport-bar-opens-for-business-with-exclusive-airport-beer-4434667>

## **General Headlines**

### **UK aviation shaping its own destiny as airport slot reform consultation launched** **With a new reform, the airport slot allocation system can have a tailored approach that works best for businesses and passengers across the UK**

DfT – 04/12/2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-aviation-shaping-its-own-destiny-as-airport-slot-reform-consultation-launched>

### **Airport slots shake-up could end larger airlines 'monopoly'**

Travel Weekly – 04/12/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/airport-slots-shake-up-could-end-larger-airlines-monopoly>

### **UK aviation 'emphatically needs growth' insists DfT director**

Travel Weekly – 06/12/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/uk-aviation-emphatically-needs-growth-insists-dft-director>

### **Focus: Heathrow stake sale opens the door for a resurgence in airport deals**

Reuters – 01/12/2023

<https://www.reuters.com/markets/deals/heathrow-stake-sale-opens-door-resurgence-airport-deals-2023-12-01/>

### **Ryanair finds FAKE engine parts in two of its planes as Irish firm becomes the latest airline hit by bogus parts scandal**



Daily Mail – 01/12/2023

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-12816173/Ryanair-fake-engine-parts-airline-scandal.html>

## Passenger news

**EU proposals aim to improve rights and refund rules for passengers**

Travel Weekly – 01/12/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/eu-proposals-aim-to-improve-rights-and-refund-rules-for-passengers>

**UK's worst airport lounges revealed in new Which? research**

Independent – 04/12/2023

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/worst-airport-lounges-uk-which-b2457905.html>

## Industry news

**Regulator launches Hydrogen Challenge to explore potential of new aviation fuel type**

International Airport Review – 01/12/2023

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/190960/regulator-launches-hydrogen-challenge-to-explore-potential-of-new-aviation-fuel-type/>

## Environmental news

**What is sustainable aviation fuel? Virgin Atlantic's first 'SAF' transatlantic flight lands in US**

The Standard – 05/12/2023

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/tech/sustainable-aviation-fuel-virgin-atlantic-transatlantic-flight-b1123424.html>

**Preparing the UK for hydrogen-powered flight: Hydrogen presents the opportunity to decarbonise aviation, particularly for short-haul flights. For International Airport Review, Dave Lees, CEO of Bristol Airport explains how its work as part of the Hydrogen in Aviation alliance is already solving many of the technical challenges of making hydrogen-powered flight a reality**

International Airport Review – 06/12/2023



<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/article/190898/preparing-the-uk-for-hydrogen-powered-flight/>

## **Climate charity Possible and law firm Leigh Day have made formal complaints to Virgin Atlantic and BA, over false sustainability claims**

Airport Watch – 01/12/2023

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2023/12/climate-charity-possible-and-law-firm-leigh-day-have-made-formal-complaints-to-virgin-atlantic-and-ba-over-false-sustainability-claims/>

## **Airlines criticised after adverts banned for making ‘misleading’ green claims**

Travel Weekly – 06/12/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/airlines-criticised-after-adverts-banned-for-making-misleading-green-claims>

## **OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS**

### **Aberdeen**

#### **Ground vehicle crashed into BA plane at Aberdeen Airport**

Press & Journal – 03/12/2023

[https://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/?post\\_type=fp&p=6278395](https://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/?post_type=fp&p=6278395)

### **Birmingham**

#### **Birmingham Airport conducts £2.8m of maintenance work**

The Business Desk – 05/12/2023

<https://www.thebusinessdesk.com/westmidlands/news/2080345-birmingham-airport-conducts-2.8m-of-maintenance-work>

#### **New easyJet flights to launch from Birmingham Airport**

Worcester News – 02/12/2023

<https://www.worcesternews.co.uk/news/23956343.new-easyjet-flights-launch-birmingham-airport/>

### **Bristol**

#### **The Design Solution to support latest phase of expansion at Bristol Airport**

The Moodie Davitt Report – 05/12/2023



<https://www.moodiedavittreport.com/the-design-solution-to-support-latest-phase-of-expansion-at-bristol-airport/>

### **Bristol Airport 'must do better' over multi-faith area**

BBC – 01/12/2023

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-somerset-67581570>

### **Doncaster Sheffield**

### **Doncaster Sheffield Airport: 'Significant sum' needed for rescue plan**

Yorkshire Post – 30/11/2023

<https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/politics/doncaster-sheffield-airport-significant-sum-needed-for-rescue-plan-4428033>

### **Edinburgh**

### **The race against time to repair Edinburgh Airport's runway**

BBC – 01/12/2023

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-scotland-67579869>

### **OCS to support Edinburgh PRMs**

Airports International – 01/12/2023

<https://www.airportsinternational.com/article/ocs-support-edinburgh-prms>

### **Exeter**

### **The UK's 'best airport' where average flights are delayed by only 14 minutes**

Express – 02/12/2023

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/1840800/uk-best-airport-Exeter>

### **Glasgow**

### **easyJet expansion to boost 40 new jobs at Glasgow Airport**

International Airport Review – 06/12/2023

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/191062/easyjet-expansion-to-boost-40-new-jobs-at-glasgow-airport/>



## Glasgow Prestwick

### **Prestwick Airport reports profits of £2.1 million in 2023**

Ayr Advertiser – 04/12/2023

<https://www.ayradvertiser.com/news/23966563.prestwick-airport-reports-profits-2-1-million-2023/>

## London City

### **Public inquiry into London City Airport expansion to begin**

The Standard – 04/12/2023

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/politics/inquiry-london-city-airport-expansion-newham-stratford-b1124529.html>

## London Heathrow

### **Why is Saudi Arabia buying 10% of Heathrow airport in the UK?**

Euronews – 29/11/2023

<https://www.euronews.com/business/2023/11/29/why-is-saudi-arabia-buying-10-of-heathrow-airport-in-the-uk>

### **Calls to probe Saudi Arabia's Heathrow bid amid human rights concerns**

This is Money – 30/11/2023

<https://www.thisismoney.co.uk/money/markets/article-12811273/Calls-probe-Saudi-Arabias-Heathrow-bid-amid-human-rights-concerns.html>

### **Ballet dancers help Heathrow prepare for second-busiest December**

Belfast Telegraph – 05/12/2023

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/uk/ballet-dancers-help-heathrow-prepare-for-second-busiest-december/a1231990037.html>

### **Latam Airlines London-Lima route takes off**

Travel Weekly – 05/12/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/latam-airlines-london-lima-route-takes-off>

## London Luton

### **Luton Airport Expansion – how much growth is too much?**

Local Gov – 06/12/2023

<https://www.localgov.co.uk/Luton-Airport-Expansion--how-much-growth-is-too-much/58480>



## **London Luton Airport's plans to ramp up community investment**

The House – 04/12/2023

<https://www.politicshome.com/members/article/london-luton-airports-plans-to-ramp-up-community-investment-87465>

## **LLA wins mental health award Airports International – 04/12/2023**

<https://www.airportsinternational.com/article/lla-wins-mental-health-award>

## **London Southend**

### **Southend Airport in talks with airlines for new routes**

Echo – 02/12/2023

<https://www.echo-news.co.uk/news/23963432.southend-airport-talks-airlines-new-routes/>

## **London Stansted**

### **Revenue flies at London Stansted owner as it gears up for expansion**

City AM – 05/12/2023

<https://www.cityam.com/revenue-flies-at-london-stansted-owner-as-it-gears-up-for-expansion/>

### **'I feel cheated': Stansted Express ticketing flaw leaves customers with hefty fines**

ITV – 01/12/2023

<https://www.itv.com/news/london/2023-12-01/flaw-in-stansted-express-ticketing-system-is-leaving-customers-with-hefty-fines>

## **Manchester**

### **Images of the Day: Manchester Airport Terminal 2 hailed as “one of the world’s most beautiful airports”**

Moodie Davitt Report – 30/11/2023

<https://www.moodiedavittreport.com/images-of-the-day-manchester-airport-terminal-2-hailed-as-one-of-the-worlds-most-beautiful-airports/>

### **Eurowings revives Manchester-Stuttgart service**

Travel Weekly – 05/12/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/euowings-revives-manchester-stuttgart-service>

### **Fire on the Runway: The Manchester Airport Disaster and the tragedy of British Airtours flight 28M**



Medium – 03/12/2023

<https://admiralcloudberg.medium.com/fire-on-the-runway-the-manchester-airport-disaster-and-the-tragedy-of-british-airtours-flight-28m-0a2054e27fff>

## Southampton

**Investors could put Southampton Airport group up for sale**

Eastleigh News – 03/12/2023

<https://www.eastleighnews.co.uk/2023/12/investors-could-put-southampton-airport-group-up-for-sale/>

## Teeside

**Losses narrow at Teesside Airport**

Insider Media – 04/12/2023

<https://www.insidermedia.com/news/north-east/losses-narrow-at-teesside-airport>

**Teesside voted best UK airport for travel in prestigious awards**

Tees Business – 30/12/2023

<https://teesbusiness.co.uk/2023/11/30/teesside-voted-best-uk-airport-for-travel-in-prestigious-awards/>

**Teesside Airport Timeline: What has happened in 5 years?**

Northern Echo – 04/12/2023

<https://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/23956908.teesside-airport-timeline-happened-5-years/>