

# GATCOM WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN



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## CURRENT NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

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

New closing date: 08/03/2024

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

## PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

### **UK Aviation Environmental Review 2023**

CAA – 29/12/2023

<https://publicapps.caa.co.uk/modalapplication.aspx?appid=11&mode=detail&id=12519>

### **The Top 10 Aviation Industry Stories Of 2023, Told By The Numbers**

OAG blog – 04/01/2024

<https://www.oag.com/blog/top-10-aviation-industry-stories-2023>

### **Air safety 2023: Accidents and fatalities at record low**

Independent – 01/01/2024

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/air-safety-accidents-record-low-2023-b2471757.html>

### **NAVIGATING THE FUTURE OF AIR TRAVEL: INSIGHTS FOR 2024**

OAG blog – 27/12/2023

[https://www.oag.com/blog/future-air-travel-insights-2024?utm\\_medium=email&\\_hsmi=287967871&\\_hsenc=p2ANqtz--43BTw3KYC11AFA-PSl-W\\_loAVU\\_hQ6minjVVPqbYgFpVd9Vfsw\\_qqq\\_4yJqCBZsMJP8R6QyJtV3Fq5c-Zypy46Mgm7Q&utm\\_content=287967871&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://www.oag.com/blog/future-air-travel-insights-2024?utm_medium=email&_hsmi=287967871&_hsenc=p2ANqtz--43BTw3KYC11AFA-PSl-W_loAVU_hQ6minjVVPqbYgFpVd9Vfsw_qqq_4yJqCBZsMJP8R6QyJtV3Fq5c-Zypy46Mgm7Q&utm_content=287967871&utm_source=hs_email)

### **MAJOR TRENDS & TECHNOLOGY ETIQUETTE FOR TRAVEL IN 2024**

OAG blog – 03/01/2024

[https://www.oag.com/blog/major-trends-technology-etiquette-for-travel-in-2024?utm\\_medium=email&\\_hsmi=288610334&\\_hsenc=p2ANqtz-](https://www.oag.com/blog/major-trends-technology-etiquette-for-travel-in-2024?utm_medium=email&_hsmi=288610334&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-)

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### GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES

#### **London Gatwick proud to partner with Sussex and Surrey Institute of Technology**

Gatwick Airport – 11/01/2024

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-proud-to-partner-with-sussex-and-surrey-institute-of-technology-8522-40f32.html>

#### **London Gatwick becomes first international airport to open dedicated electric vehicle charging station - Electric Forecourt®**

Gatwick Airport – 08/01/2024

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-becomes-first-international-airport-to-open-dedicated-electric-vehicle-charging-station-electric-forecourt-r-c7ab-40f32.html>

### GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA

#### **Why Gatwick Airport Has Hiked Its Passenger Drop-Off Charge**

Simple Flying – 07/01/2024

<https://simpleflying.com/gatwick-airport-hikes-drop-off-charge/>

### General Headlines

#### **Facial recognition could soon replace passports at UK airport eGates**

The Points Guy – 03/01/2024

<https://thepointsguy.com/news/uk-airports-egates-facial-recognition-trial/>

#### **Comment: Digital passports could kickstart a revolution**

Travel Weekly – 03/01/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/in-depth/comment/comment-digital-passports-could-kickstart-a-revolution>



**Airport 100ml liquid restrictions to be axed BY SUMMER with new technology**

Yahoo – 03/01/2024

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/airport-100ml-liquid-restrictions-axed-153000152.html>

**What does the Boeing 737 Max disaster mean for flights and business?**

City AM – 08/01/2024

<https://www.cityam.com/alaska-airlines-what-does-the-boeing-737-max-disaster-mean-for-flights-and-business/>

**‘No airlines in EU affected’ by Boeing 737 Max 9 grounding**

Travel Weekly – 08/01/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/no-airlines-in-eu-affected-by-boeing-737-max-9-grounding>

**All the European strikes affecting travel in January, from airports to rail**

iNews – 05/01/2024

<https://inews.co.uk/inews-lifestyle/travel/all-european-strikes-affecting-travel-january-airports-rail-2840607?ITO=newsnow>

**Aircraft backlog ‘to hit Ryanair fares and profits’, O’Leary warns**

Travel Weekly – 10/01/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/aircraft-backlog-to-hit-ryanair-fares-and-profits-oleary-warns>

**Belgian State to pay €6 million plus €20,000 daily fines for misuse of Brussels Airport runway**

Airport Watch – 02/01/2024

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2024/01/belgian-state-to-pay-e6-million-plus-e20000-daily-fines-for-misuse-of-brussels-airport-runway/>

**Passenger news**

**These are the world’s most turbulent flight routes, from short-haul European journeys to long-haul trips**

Independent – 10/01/2024

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/most-turbulent-flight-routes-world-b2475618.html>

**These are biggest travel trends you’ll see in 2024**

Independent – 06/01/2024

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/inspiration/new-travel-trends-2024-b2473888.html>



## **ABTA announces its 10 Destinations to Watch in 2024 ahead of Sunshine Saturday**

ABTA 05/01/2024

<https://www.abta.com/news/abta-announces-its-10-destinations-watch-2024-ahead-sunshine-saturday>

## **Industry news**

### **Global air travel demand ‘close to surpassing’ pre-pandemic 2019**

Travel Weekly – 10/01/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/global-air-travel-demand-close-to-surpassing-pre-pandemic-2019>

## **Environmental news**

### **Airline SAF claims dismissed as ‘detached from reality’**

Travel Weekly – 08/01/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/airline-saf-claims-dismissed-as-detached-from-reality>

### **Might jet fuel be produced from human sewage?**

Airport Watch – 05/01/2024

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2024/01/might-jet-fuel-be-produced-from-human-sewage/>

### **CPK to redefine sustainable aviation**

International Airport Review – 08/01/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/article/191711/cpk-to-redefine-sustainable-aviation/>

### **‘Half of holidaymakers’ prepared to pay more for sustainable accommodation**

Travel Weekly – 10/01/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/tourism/half-of-holidaymakers-prepared-to-pay-more-for-sustainable-accommodation>

## **OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS**

### **Aberdeen**

### **Scots airport taxi drivers set for 150% drop-off price increase from tomorrow**

Scottish Sun – 02/01/2024



<https://www.thescottishsun.co.uk/motors/11737612/scots-airport-taxi-drivers-drop-off-price-increase-tomorrow/>

## **Belfast City**

### **Belfast City Airport soars to success in Airport Health and Safety Week Award**

News Letter – 05/01/2024

<https://www.newsletter.co.uk/business/belfast-city-airport-soars-to-success-in-airport-health-and-safety-week-award-4468464>

## **Birmingham**

### **New Birmingham Airport Asia routes as airlines in talks with 'booming' hub**

Birmingham Mail – 06/01/2024

<https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/new-birmingham-airport-asia-routes-28402234>

### **Pilot and crew get stuck in lift at Birmingham Airport for more than three hours delaying hundreds of passengers**

Mail Online – 02/01/2024

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-12920017/travel-chaos-flight-delayed-pilot-stuck-lift-birmingham-airport.html>

## **Bristol**

### **Bristol airport increases Drop and Go parking charges**

Business Traveller – 04/01/2024

<https://www.businesstraveller.com/business-travel/2024/01/04/bristol-airport-increases-drop-and-go-parking-charges/>

### **Resident questions Bristol Airport's car parking prices**

North Somerset Times – 10/01/2024

<https://www.northsomersettimes.co.uk/news/24037853.resident-questions-bristol-airports-car-parking-prices/>

## **Doncaster Sheffield**



## **Doncaster Sheffield Airport: Campaign group is independent from political control says admin**

Yorkshire Post – 08/01/2024

<https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/transport/doncaster-sheffield-airport-campaign-group-is-independent-from-political-control-says-admin-4470738>

### **East Midlands**

## **East Midlands Airport accused of polluting River Trent**

Derby Telegraph – 10/01/2024

<https://www.derbytelegraph.co.uk/news/local-news/east-midlands-airport-accused-polluting-9023870>

## **East Midlands Airport announces £120m investment**

BBC – 06/01/2024

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leicestershire-67895712>

### **Edinburgh**

## **Edinburgh Airport 'hole on runway' causes delays for passengers**

Daily Record – 08/01/2024

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/edinburgh-airport-passengers-hit-delays-31837266>

## **Sale Pending: Why Edinburgh Airport Is Worth \$3 Billion**

Simple Flying – 08/01/2024

<https://simpleflying.com/why-edinburgh-airport-is-worth-3-billion/>

### **Exeter**

## **Talking Exeter Airport's sustainability plans**

International Airport Review – 29/01/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/article/189281/talking-exeter-airports-sustainability-plans/>

### **Farnborough**



## **Key critic of Farnborough airport silenced by an ASBI, while the airport submits expansion plans**

Airport Watch – 04/01/2024

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2024/01/key-critic-of-farnborough-airport-silenced-by-an-asbi-while-the-airport-submits-expansion-plans/>

### **Leeds Bradford**

## **Council issues ‘call for evidence’ over airport night-time flying applications**

West Leeds Dispatch – 04/01/2024

<https://westleedsdispatch.com/council-issues-call-for-evidence-over-airport-night-time-flying-applications/>

### **Liverpool**

## **Major change coming at Liverpool Airport that will affect waiting times**

Liverpool World – 05/01/2024

<https://www.liverpoolworld.uk/news/major-change-at-liverpool-airport-that-will-affect-boarding-times-4467515>

### **London Heathrow**

## **New £10 charge to change at Heathrow will ‘hand lead’ to European rivals**

City AM – 10/01/2024

<https://www.cityam.com/new-10-charge-to-change-at-heathrow-will-hand-lead-to-european-rivals/>

## **British Airways is increasing its minimum connection time at Heathrow — but at what cost?**

The Points Guy – 09/01/2024

<https://thepointsguy.com/news/british-airways-increase-connection-time-heathrow/>

## **British Airways to close First Wing security for installation of new CT scanners**

Business Traveller – 08/01/2024

<https://www.businesstraveller.com/business-travel/2024/01/08/british-airways-to-close-first-wing-security-for-installation-of-new-ct-scanners/>

## **Creating spaces for individuals to belong to: EDI in the workforce**



## **Strategic Partnerships Manager at Heathrow Airport, Anita Chagar, spoke on why EDI is so important for aviation's workforce retention**

International Airport Review – 10/01/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/video/190402/creating-spaces-for-individuals-to-belong-to-edi-in-the-workforce/>

## **Heathrow's Famous Roundabout And Its Model Aircraft**

Simple Flying – 07/01/2024

<https://simpleflying.com/heathrow-roundabout-model-aircraft-story/>

### **London Luton**

## **London Luton Airport: delivering a future-proof airport**

Politics Home – 08/01/2024

<https://www.politicshome.com/members/article/london-luton-airport-delivering-futureproof-airport>

## **New Dan Air makes Luton airport debut**

Travel Weekly – 02/01/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/new-dan-air-makes-luton-airport-debut>

### **London Southend**

## **A new year message from our CEO, John Upton, as we look towards 2024 and beyond [#FlyLondonSouthend](#)**

You Tube – 06/01/2024

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=-Q\\_jlxwWnUc&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=-Q_jlxwWnUc&feature=youtu.be)

## **Southend airport attracts new foreign carrier**

Travel Weekly – 05/01/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/southend-airport-attracts-new-foreign-carrier>

### **London Stansted**

## **One More Shot: How Stansted airport was transformed into a pop-up film set for the latest big-budget thriller**

Independent – 09/01/2024

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/stansted-film-location-airport-one-more-shot-b2475433.html>





## Manchester

**Jet2 announces huge expansion on flights from Manchester Airport this summer to Spain, Greece and more**

Manchester Evening News – 09/01/2024

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/whats-on/whats-on-news/jet2-announces-huge-expansion-flights-28414947>

## Teesside

**New £20m railway station promised at Teesside Airport**

The Northern Echo – 02/01/2024

<https://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/24021275.new-20m-railway-station-promised-teesside-airport/>

**See how Teesside Airport has changed through the years - in pictures**

Yahoo – 01/01/2024

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/see-teesside-airport-changed-years-080000238.html>