

## GATCOM WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN



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**21 DECEMBER 2023**

### CURRENT NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

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

Closing date: 08/03/2024 – **note extension to consultation deadline**

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

**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

#### **Air Travel Statistics 2023 - infographics**

OAG blog – 19/12/2023

<https://www.oag.com/blog/air-travel-statistics-2023>

**Aviation statistics: data tables (AVI): Data about UK air traffic, international airlines and air accidents and incidents, produced by Department for Transport DfT & CAA – 14/12/2023**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/aviation-statistics-data-tables-avi>

#### **Working in partnership to support Free Route Airspace**

NATS blog – 15/12/2023

#### **Leading the Way in Contrail Avoidance**

NATS blog – 13/12/2023

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### GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES

**London Gatwick supports local students to develop employment prospects through Dare to Dream programme – 21/12/2023**

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-supports-local-students-to-develop-employment-prospects-through-dare-to-dream-programme-0d8b-40f32.html>

**London Gatwick announces project to phase in state-of-the-art security scanners with Smiths Detection – 20/12/2023**

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-announces-project-to-phase-in-state-of-the-art-security-scanners-with-smiths-detection-c544-40f32.html>

**London Gatwick ready to welcome passengers for the Christmas getaway – 19/12/2023**

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-ready-to-welcome-passengers-for-the-christmas-getaway-350b-40f32.html>

### GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA

**Changes to Gatwick DCO in November, since the original application**

**Airport Watch – 20/12/2023**

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2023/12/changes-to-gatwick-dco-in-november-since-the-original-application/>

**Protestors slam changes to Gatwick Airport expansion over fears of second runway**

**My London – 20/12/2023**

<https://www.mylondon.news/news/local-news/protestors-slam-changes-gatwick-airport-28323564>

**Gatwick issues warning over rogue meet-and-greet parking firms ahead of Christmas break after 250% surge in complaints from travellers**

**Daily Mail – 15/12/2023**

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-12869613/Gatwick-issues-warning-rogue-meet-greet-parking-firms-ahead-Christmas-break-250-surge-complaints-travellers.html>

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### **Gatwick gears up for busy winter**

Travel Weekly – 19/12/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/gatwick-gears-up-for-busy-winter>

### **Flights delayed at Gatwick airport due to air traffic control staff shortages**

iNews – 14/12/2023

<https://inews.co.uk/news/flights-delayed-at-gatwick-airport-due-to-air-traffic-control-staff-shortages-2808081?ITO=newsnow>

### **Five years on from Gatwick drone disruption, what happened – and could it happen again?**

Independent – 19/12/2023

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/gatwick-drone-flights-cancelled-passengers-b2466653.html>

## **General Headlines**

### **IATA issues warning on DfT plans for airport slot reform**

Travel Weekly – 19/12/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/iata-issues-warning-on-dft-plans-for-airport-slot-reform>

### **October 2024 date mooted for new EU Entry/Exit Scheme**

Travel Weekly – 19/12/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/october-2024-date-mooted-for-new-eu-entryexit-scheme>

### **These Are The UK Airports Most Likely To Cancel Your Flight Over Christmas**

Simple Flying – 16/12/2023

<https://simpleflying.com/uk-airport-cancellation-likelihood/>

### **Should you worry about another airline meltdown this year? Here's what to know about holiday travel**

The Points Guy – 18/12/2023

<https://thepointsguy.com/news/holiday-travel-meltdown-fixes/>

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### Passenger news

#### British Airways stops passenger flying after claiming 'UK passports expire after nine years'

Independent – 20/12/2023

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/british-airways-brex-it-passenger-denied-boarding-b2466881.html>

### Industry news

#### IATA reports rise in jamming aircraft navigation systems

Travel Weekly – 20/12/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/iata-reports-rise-in-jamming-aircraft-navigation-systems>

### Environmental news

#### Special Report: Is the oil industry to blame for limited supplies of SAF?

Travel Weekly – 19/12/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/special-report-is-the-oil-industry-to-blame-for-limited-supplies-of-saf>

#### Much of the allegedly “used” cooking oil being imported for SAF likely to be fraudulent

Airport Watch – 17/12/2023

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2023/12/much-of-the-allegedly-used-cooking-oil-being-imported-for-saf-likely-to-be-fraudulent/>

### OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

#### Aberdeen

#### Aberdeen Airport sale speculation dismissed

Aberdeen Business News – 19/12/2023

<https://aberdeenbusinessnews.co.uk/aberdeen-airport-sale-speculation-dismissed/>

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### **Aberdeen Airport donates more than £62,000 to chosen charities**

Aberdeen Live – 18/12/2023

<https://www.aberdeenlive.news/news/aberdeen-news/aberdeen-airport-donates-more-62000-8982273>

### **Belfast City**

### **Belfast City Airport wins AOA Airport Health and Safety Week Award**

Regional Gateway – 18/12/2023

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/belfast-city-airport-wins-aoa-airport-health-and-safety-week-award/>

### **Birmingham**

### **Aircraft stands upgraded to boost reliability and capacity**

Express & Star – 20/12/2023

<https://www.expressandstar.com/news/business/2023/12/20/aircraft-stands-upgraded-to-boost-reliability-and-capacity/>

### **Tui Airways takes off from Birmingham to Singapore**

Travel Weekly – 14/12/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/tui-airways-takes-off-from-birmingham-to-singapore>

### **Bristol**

### **Bristol Airport gears up for busiest Christmas ever**

Bristol Post – 18/12/2023

<https://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/bristol-news/bristol-airport-gears-up-busiest-8981702>

### **“Accidental ignition” fire damages 11 vehicles at Bristol Airport**

IFSEC – 15/12/2023

<https://www.ifsecglobal.com/fire-news/fire-damages-vehicles-at-bristol-airport-carpark/>

### **Bristol Airport parking charges to increase in new year**

Bristol Post – 20/12/2023

<https://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/bristol-news/bristol-airport-parking-charges-increase-8988242>

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### East Midlands

**East Midlands Airport: DHL Express clears electric ground service plan for take-off**

Business Green – 18/12/2023

<https://www.businessgreen.com/news/4157892/east-midlands-airport-dhl-express-clears-electric-ground-service-plan>

### Edinburgh

**Edinburgh Airport owners pick banks to take flight with £2.5bn sale**

Sky – 17/12/2023

<https://news.sky.com/story/headline-edinburgh-airport-owners-pick-banks-to-take-flight-with-2-5bn-sale-13032909>

### Exeter

**Groundbreaking study takes place at Exeter Airport**

Midweek Herald – 17/12/2023

<https://www.midweekherald.co.uk/news/23992886.groundbreaking-study-takes-place-exeter-airport/>

### Leeds Bradford

**Leeds Bradford Airport withdraw night flight applications**

Harrogate Informer – 13/12/2023

<https://www.harrogate-news.co.uk/2023/12/13/leeds-bradford-airport-withdraw-night-flight-applications/>

### Liverpool

**Lufthansa is to scrap all flights from Liverpool John Lennon airport from next year**

Daily Mail – 20/12/2023

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-12885647/Lufthansa-scrap-flights-Liverpool-John-Lennon-airport-year.html>

**Liverpool John Lennon Airport welcomes another new airline**

Echo – 15/12/2023

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<https://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/liverpool-news/liverpool-john-lennon-airport-welcomes-28293954>

### London City

#### **Now Serving 28 Destinations: Inside London City Airport's Winter Growth**

Simple Flying – 20/12/2023

<https://simpleflying.com/london-city-airport-winter-growth-analysis/>

#### **ITA Airways to start Rome flights from London City**

Travel Weekly – 14/12/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/ita-airways-to-start-rome-flights-from-london-city>

### London Heathrow

#### **'One person resigning simply isn't enough': Rail union fury over chaos on Elizabeth Line and Heathrow Express which saw hundreds of passengers near London Paddington stranded in cold train carriages for hours - as Network Rail chief QUITs**

Daily Mail – 18/12/2023

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-12875917/Network-Rail-chief-QUITs-chaos-Elizabeth-Line-Heathrow-Express-faulty-hundreds-London-Paddington-stranded.html>

#### **Heathrow Airport due to hit record passenger numbers**

BBC – 15/12/2023

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-67724952>

#### **Heathrow projects 2024 profits fall despite rising passenger levels**

Travel Weekly – 15/12/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/heathrow-projects-2024-profits-fall-despite-rising-passenger-levels>

#### **'Awful' Heathrow parking firm slammed as cars 'returned to holidaymakers looking filthy'**

Mirror – 15/12/2023

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/awful-heathrow-parking-firm-slammed-31684271>



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### **Heathrow Holidays: 5 Festive Things To Spot At The London Airport This Season**

Simple Flying – 19/12/2023

<https://simpleflying.com/heathrow-holidays-festive-things-list/>

### **27 Daily: Inside The Enormous London To New York JFK Market Next Summer**

Simple Flying – 20/12/2023

<https://simpleflying.com/london-new-york-jfk-summer-2024-market-analysis/>

### **London Luton**

#### **Luton expansion opposed by Hertfordshire County Council – NO conditions could make it acceptable**

Airport Watch – 16/12/2023

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2023/12/luton-expansion-opposed-by-hertfordshire-county-council-no-conditions-could-make-it-acceptable/>

#### **London Luton Airport welcomes new No1 Lounge**

Regional Gateway – 15/12/2023

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/london-luton-airport-welcomes-new-no1-lounge/>

#### **London Luton Airport recreates iconic 'Love Actually' gift-wrapping scene for passengers**

Mirror – 19/12/2023

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/travel/london-luton-airport-love-actually-31707502>

### **London Southend**

#### **Southend Airport easyJet flights to Geneva to return**

Echo – 18/12/2023

<https://www.echo-news.co.uk/news/23997364.southend-airport-easyjet-flights-geneva-return/>

### **London Stansted**

#### **Almost half of all flights from Stansted Airport delayed by at least 15 minutes last December**

Cambridge News – 16/12/2023



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<https://www.cambridge-news.co.uk/news/local-news/almost-half-flights-standsted-airport-28302434>

### **Airport volunteers spread festive cheer in the run up to Christmas**

Your Harlow – 20/12/2023

<https://www.yourharlow.com/2023/12/20/airport-volunteers-spread-festive-cheer-in-the-run-up-to-christmas/>

### **Stansted Airport adds Amman in Jordan to its route network**

Bishop's Stortford Independent – 20/12/2023

<https://www.bishopstortfordindependent.co.uk/news/standsted-airport-adds-amman-in-jordan-to-its-route-network-9345436/>

### **Charlotte Tilbury and Avolta perform makeover magic at London Stansted**

TR Business – 19/12/2023

<https://www.trbusiness.com/regional-news/europe/charlotte-tilbury-and-avolta-perform-makeover-magic-at-london-standsted/246423>

## **Manchester**

### **Operation AVRO returns to city centre and airport areas with a focus on the transport network to keep people safe this Christmas**

Greater Manchester Police – 19/12/2023

<https://www.gmp.police.uk/cy-GB/news/greater-manchester/news/news/2023/december/operation-avro-returns-to-city-centre-and-airport-areas-with-a-focus-on-the-transport-network-to-keep-people-safe-this-christmas/>

## **Newcastle**

### **Flights from Newcastle Airport delayed by the longest time at Christmas**

Chronicle Live – 17/12/2023

<https://www.chroniclelive.co.uk/whats-on/travel-tourism/flights-newcastle-airport-delayed-longest-28306023>