

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

DfT consultation: Airport slot allocation system reform

Closing date: 08/03/2024

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

CAA Consultation: Vertiport Design Proposal for Existing Aerodrome

Closing date: 15/03/2024

<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/air-traffic-management/vertiport-design-proposal-for-existing-aerodrome/>

PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

Airport Trend Report 2024: Current Challenges and Trends

International Airport Review – 26/01/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/article/191835/airport-trend-report-2024-current-challenges-and-trends/>

Aviation passenger charter research

Explores public views on the aviation passenger charter and suggests improvements to ensure its usability

DfT – 25/01/2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/aviation-passenger-charter-research>

Next-gen ATC service enters commercial service reducing delays and emissions for airlines

Regional Gateway – 30/01/2024

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/next-gen-atc-service-enters-commercial-service-reducing-delays-and-emissions-for-airlines/>



Why AI can't replace air traffic controllers

The Conversation – 30/01/2024

<https://news.yahoo.com/why-ai-t-replace-air-133446913.html>

GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA

Gatwick: Passengers evacuated from airport after fire alarm

BBC – 29/01/2024

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-sussex-68130693>

General Headlines

Britain's four busiest airports to miss NextGen security screening deadline – is that acceptable?

Centre for Aviation – 31/01/2024

<https://centreforaviation.com/analysis/reports/britains-four-busiest-airports-to-miss-nextgen-security-screening-deadline-is-that-acceptable-673781>

Punctuality of Europe air arrivals hit by strikes and weather

Travel Weekly – 29/01/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/punctuality-of-europe-air-arrivals-hit-by-strikes-and-weather>

Global air traffic returns close to pre-pandemic level

Travel Weekly – 31/01/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/global-air-traffic-returns-close-to-pre-pandemic-level>

Flight times could be cut as easyJet becomes first airline to use satellite technology to optimise flight paths

Independent – 31/01/2024

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/easyjet-flights-new-technology-flight-times-cut-b2487990.html>

GPS interference now a major flight safety concern for airline industry

The Register – 29/01/2024

https://www.theregister.com/2024/01/29/satellite_navigation_jamming_now_a/



Air fares rose 10% last year despite fall in cost of jet fuel

Travel Weekly – 31/01/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/air-fares-rose-10-last-year-despite-fall-in-cost-of-jet-fuel>

Infographic: Exploring The Current State Of The Middle East & North Africa Aviation Industry

OAG blog – 29/01/2024

<https://www.oag.com/blog/infographic-the-middle-east-north-africa-aviation-industry-oag>

Passenger news

EU border control agency warns of 60 unofficial ETIAS websites

Travel Weekly – 25/01/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/eu-border-control-agency-warns-of-60-unofficial-etias-websites>

Trade urges FCDO to improve accuracy of its travel advice

Travel Weekly – 29/01/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/tour-operators/trade-urges-fcdo-to-improve-accuracy-of-its-travel-advice>

Air passenger travel guide: A guide to your rights and responsibilities as an air passenger

Updated 25/01/2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/air-passenger-travel-guide>

Industry news

UK Civil Aviation Authority looks at vertiport design proposals

The UK Civil Aviation Authority has launched a consultation on design proposals for vertiports at existing aerodromes

International Airport Review – 31/01/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/205732/uk-civil-aviation-authority-looks-at-vertiport-design-proposals/>



Environmental news

What Are The Likely Non-Co2 Impacts Of Hydrogen Planes?

AEF – 24/01/2024

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2024/01/24/what-are-the-likely-non-co2-impacts-of-hydrogen-planes/>

Greta Thunberg joins Extinction Rebellion to protest against Farnborough Airport expansion - as eco activists call for a ban on private jets

Mail Online – 27/01/2024

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-13013933/greta-thunberg-extinction-rebellion-farnborough-airport-protest.html>

OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Belfast City

Ireland's Emerald Airlines to open Belfast City base

CH Aviation – 17/01/2024

<https://www.ch-aviation.com/news/111642-irelands-emerald-airlines-to-open-belfast-city-base>

Bristol

Bristol airport bids to tempt 8m missing passengers to 'fly local'

Travel Weekly – 29/01/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/bristol-airport-bids-to-tempt-8m-missing-passengers-to-fly-local>

Bristol Airport welcomed record 9.8 million passengers in 2023

Passenger Terminal Today – 29/01/2024

<https://www.passengerterminaltoday.com/news/operations-news/bristol-airport-welcomed-record-9-8-million-passengers-in-2023.html>

Bristol Airport passport blunder leaves bridesmaid's dream holiday ruined

Somerset Live – 31/01/2024

<https://www.somersetlive.co.uk/news/somerset-news/bristol-airport-passport-blunder-leaves-9069518>



Doncaster Sheffield

Doncaster Sheffield Airport: A timeline of events

Doncaster Free Press – 26/01/2024

<https://www.doncasterfreepress.co.uk/business/doncaster-sheffield-airport-a-timeline-of-events-4494519>

East Midlands

Study to decarbonise East Midlands Airport “takes off”

University of Nottingham – 31/01/2024

<https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/news/study-to-decarbonise-east-midlands-airport-takes-off>

East Midlands Airport announces £120m investment program

Passenger Terminal Today – 25/01/2024

<https://www.passengerterminaltoday.com/news/construction-architecture/east-midlands-airport-announces-120m-investment-program.html>

East Midlands Airport DHL workers to stage 10-day strike over 'unfair' pay offer

Nottingham post – 31/01/2024

<https://www.nottinghampost.com/news/local-news/east-midlands-airport-workers-stage-9069102>

Glasgow

Glasgow Airport fund gives £2k for incredible cause

The Gazette – 26/01/2024

<https://www.the-gazette.co.uk/news/24075494.glasgow-airport-fund-gives-2k-incredible-cause/>

Inverness

Laser pen aimed at landing plane in 'reckless act'

BBC – 30/01/2024

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c72g8q9p49wo>

Liverpool

LJLA launches Community Fund to help local good causes

Birkenhead News – 27/01/2024

<https://www.birkenhead.news/ljla-launches-community-fund-to-help-local-good-causes/>



Liverpool John Lennon Airport unveils major food and beverage plans

The Guide Liverpool – 31/01/2024

<https://theguideliverpool.com/liverpool-john-lennon-airport-unveils-major-food-and-beverage-plans/>

Azing’s Airport Hive AODB goes live at Liverpool Airport

Airport Technology – 25/01/2024

<https://www.airport-technology.com/news/azing-airport-hive-aodb-liverpool-airport/>

London Heathrow

Investors circle for stake in Heathrow airport – latest Deal Pipeline

Private Equity News – 26/01/2024

<https://www.penews.com/articles/investors-circle-for-stake-in-heathrow-airport-latest-deal-pipeline-20240126>

Heathrow Airport’s driverless shuttle pods get a colourful makeover

Ian Visits – 30/01/2024

<https://www.ianvisits.co.uk/articles/heathrow-airports-driverless-shuttle-pods-get-a-colourful-makeover-69754/>

Video Interview – Walking and talking travel retail with Fraser Brown at London Heathrow Airport Terminal 2

The Moodie Davitt Report – 30/01/2024

<https://www.moodiedavittreport.com/video-interview-walking-and-talking-travel-retail-with-fraser-brown-at-london-heathrow-airport-terminal-2/>

Heathrow Airport: Lost fox rescued after wandering into terminal

BBC – 25/01/2024

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-england-london-68093764>

London Luton

London Luton Airport launches 2024 Greener Future Fund

International Airport Review – 29/01/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/204952/london-luton-airport-launches-2024-greener-future-fund/>



London Luton Airport unveils top 10 travel trends 2024

Travel and Tour – 30/01/2024

<https://www.travelandtourworld.com/news/article/london-luton-airport-unveils-top-10-travel-trends-2024/>

London Stansted

Stansted Airport managing director meets with Priti Patel

Saffron Walden Reporter – 30/01/2024

<https://www.saffronwaldenreporter.co.uk/news/24084901.stansted-airport-managing-director-meets-priti-patel/>

Butterfly Effect receive welcome cash boost from Stansted Airport

Your Harlow – 30/01/2024

<https://www.yourharlow.com/2024/01/30/butterfly-effect-receive-welcome-cash-boost-from-stansted-airport/>

Manchester

Manchester Airport Terminal Two £1.3bn Transformation Nears Completion

I Love Manchester – 31/01/2024

<https://ilovemanchester.com/manchester-airport-terminal-two-transformation>