

# GATCOM WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN



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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

### **SITA report reveals airports increasing IT spend to achieve sustainability and passenger experience goals**

Regional Gateway – 06/02/2024

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/sita-report-reveals-airports-increasing-it-spend-to-achieve-sustainability-and-passenger-experience-goals/>

### **Navigating the highs and lows of the air traffic management industry**

International Airport Review – 07/02/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/article/191302/navigating-the-highs-and-lows-of-the-air-traffic-management-industry/>

## GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES

### **London Gatwick calls for groups in Kent, Surrey and Sussex to apply for £250,000 of funding**

London Gatwick 07/02/2024

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/london-gatwick-calls-for-groups-in-kent-surrey-and-sussex-to-apply-for-ps250-000-of-funding-0ade-40f32.html>



## GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA

**London Gatwick airport responds after campaign group gives 'warning to residents' about airspace changes**

Sussex Express – 01/02/2024

<https://www.sussexexpress.co.uk/news/environment/london-gatwick-airport-responds-after-campaign-group-gives-warning-to-residents-about-airspace-changes-4501404>

**'It's about that long-term pipeline of talent for the future' - London Gatwick hosts more than 100 students at Apprenticeship Careers Day**

Sussex Express – 06/02/2024

<https://www.sussexexpress.co.uk/business/its-about-that-long-term-pipeline-of-talent-for-the-future-london-gatwick-hosts-more-than-100-students-at-apprenticeship-careers-day-4507561>

**Nine day closure of Reading to Gatwick Airport train line for vital signal upgrades**

Rail Business Daily 07/02/2024

<https://news.railbusinessdaily.com/nine-day-closure-of-reading-to-gatwick-airport-train-line-for-vital-signal-upgrades/>

## General Headlines

**Are UK airports really on track to scrap the 100-milliliter liquid rule in 2024? Here's what we know**

The Points Guy – 31/01/2024

<https://thepointsguy.com/news/uk-airports-new-security-scanners-liquid-rule-2024/>

**Passengers 'must be prepared' for new airport security rules despite delay**

Travel Weekly – 01/02/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/passengers-must-be-prepared-for-new-airport-security-rules-despite-delay>

**European air passenger numbers forecast to surpass 2019 levels this year**

Travel Weekly – 02/02/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/european-air-passenger-numbers-forecast-to-surpass-2019-levels-this-year>



## **Boeing finds 'miss-drilled holes' in 50 undelivered 737 MAX planes**

London South East – 05/02/2024

<https://www.lse.co.uk/news/boeing-finds-miss-drilled-holes-in-50-undelivered-737-max-planes-9vlfqixsn6pmofk.html>

## **Low-cost airlines report busier January but fill fewer seats on planes**

The Standard – 02/02/2024

<https://www.standard.co.uk/business/business-news/lowcost-airlines-report-busier-january-but-fill-fewer-seats-on-planes-b1136550.html>

### **Passenger news**

## **'Vast majority' of consumers prioritising travel, global poll finds**

Travel Weekly – 06/02/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/vast-majority-of-consumers-prioritising-travel-global-poll-finds>

## **Advantage reports 2023 business travel volumes reached 92% of 2019 level**

Travel Weekly – 02/02/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/advantage-reports-2023-business-travel-volumes-reached-92-of-2019-level>

## **EU travel and consumer bodies issue airline merger warning**

Travel Weekly – 01/02/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/eu-travel-and-consumer-bodies-issue-airline-merger-warning>

### **Industry news**

## **NATS receives 'A List' acclaim for leadership in environmental transparency and action**

NATS – 06/02/2024

<https://www.nats.aero/news/nats-receives-a-list-acclaim-for-leadership-in-environmental-transparency-and-action/>

### **OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS**

#### **Belfast City**

## **Blackboard Awards flying high with George Best Belfast City Airport**

Belfast Media – 01/02/2024

<https://belfastmedia.com/blackboard-awards-george-best-belfast-city-airport>



## **Belfast International**

### **Belfast International Airport sees passenger numbers climb with busiest December ever**

Belfast Telegraph – 01/02/2024

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/business/northern-ireland/belfast-international-airport-sees-passenger-numbers-climb-with-busiest-december-ever/a1442641483.html>

## **Birmingham**

### **IOSH's Aviation and Aerospace Conference: SHP speaks to Birmingham Airport's Simon Toseland**

SHP Online – 06/02/2024

<https://www.shponline.co.uk/iosh-conference/ioshs-aviation-and-aerospace-conference-shp-speaks-to-birmingham-airports-simon-toseland/>

## **Bristol**

### **Passenger stunned at 56-mile flight from Bristol airport: 'Classic example of stupidity'**

Independent – 05/02/2024

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/bristol-airport-flight-exeter-southwest-b2490617.html>

### **Calls for huge multi-billion pound new airport to be built between two major UK cities**

Express – 03/02/2204

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/1862124/airport-new-Cardiff-Bristol>

## **Doncaster Sheffield**

### **Government offers £30m towards reopening of Doncaster Sheffield airport**

Travel Weekly – 02/02/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/government-offers-30m-towards-reopening-of-doncaster-sheffield-airport>



## East Midlands

### East Midlands Airport face criminal charges for River Trent pollution

Airport Watch – 03/02/2024

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2024/02/east-midlands-airport-face-criminal-charges-for-river-trent-pollution/>

### East Midlands Airport Community Fund available to groups and organisations in Rushcliffe

Rushcliffe Borough Council – 07/02/2024

<https://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/news-area/east-midlands-airport-community-fund-available-to-groups-and-organisations-in-rushcliffe/>

## Edinburgh

### Edinburgh Airport Braces for Baggage Challenges Amid Record Passenger Numbers

BNN Breaking – 02/02/2024

<https://bnnbreaking.com/lifestyle/travel/edinburgh-airport-braces-for-baggage-challenges-amid-record-passenger-numbers>

## Farnborough

### Farnborough airport expansion row intensifies as neighbours object

Get Surrey – 06/02/2024

<https://www.getsurrey.co.uk/news/surrey-news/farnborough-airport-expansion-row-intensifies-28573598>

## Glasgow Prestwick

### Prestwick Airport faces questions after Israeli plane hosted

The National Scot – 01/02/2024

<https://www.thenational.scot/news/24091978.prestwick-airport-faces-questions-israeli-plane-hosted/>



## Inverness

### 50,000 passenger journeys and rising for Inverness Airport railway station on track for success on first anniversary

The Northern Times – 05/02/2024

<https://www.northern-times.co.uk/news/inverness-airport-railway-station-clocks-up-over-50-000-pass-341240/>

## Liverpool

### Liverpool Airport publish first ESG report

Click Liverpool – 06/02/2024

<http://www.clickliverpool.com/business/52029-liverpool-airport-publish-first-esg-report/>

### Our Annual ESG Report

Liverpool John Lennon Airport – Feb 2023

<https://www.liverpoolairport.com/about-ljla/esg-report>

### Electric-powered 'air taxis' coming to Liverpool?

Liverpool Business News – 06/02/2024

<https://lbdaily.co.uk/electric-powered-air-taxis-coming-to-liverpool/>

## London Heathrow

### We live under the deafening roar of Heathrow's flight path - but it's not the constant noise of aircrafts taking off every 45 seconds that's the most annoying thing... it's the plane spotters

Daily Mail – 06/02/2024

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-13047487/Heathrow-flight-path-constant-noise-annoying-plane-spotters.html>

### Tarom would sell its slots at Heathrow airport if it found buyer

Romania Insider – 06/02/2024

<https://www.romania-insider.com/tarom-heathrow-airport-february-2024>

### Examined: The Shortest Routes From London Heathrow Airport

Simple Flying – 05/02/2024

<https://simpleflying.com/london-heathrow-airport-shortest-routes/>



**Still Standing: What Is London Heathrow Airport's Terminal 1 Used For Today?**

Simple Flying – 02/02/2024

<https://simpleflying.com/london-heathrow-airport-terminal-one-present-usage-guide/>

**A Special Flypast: How Heathrow Airport Celebrated Its 50th Birthday In Style**

Simple Flying – 04/02/2024

<https://simpleflying.com/heathrow-airport-50th-birthday-flypast/>

**London Luton**

**Luton Airport 'On Track' To Meet Deadline To End 100ml Liquid Rule**

TTG Media – 02/02/2024

<https://www.ttgmedia.com/news/luton-airport-on-track-to-meet-deadline-to-end-100ml-liquid-rule-44523>

**Luton Airport reveals top 10 travel trends for 2024 - including 'Swiftie Stays' and 'Sistermoons'**

Luton Today – 01/02/2024

<https://www.lutontoday.co.uk/news/transport/luton-airport-reveals-top-10-travel-trends-for-2024-including-swiftie-stays-and-sistermoons-4502024>

**London Southend**

**London Southend Airport Seeks Fresh Funds After Carlyle Calls Default Event**

Bloomberg – 05/02/2024

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2024-02-05/london-southend-airport-seeks-fresh-funds-after-carlyle-calls-default-event?leadSource=uverify%20wall>

**London Stansted**

**Stansted Express passengers slapped with 'unfair' £100 fines for using contactless payment**

Independent – 06/02/2024

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/stansted-express-train-fines-contactless-london-b2491264.html>



**Sadiq Khan wants contactless payments extended to Stansted Airport**

[Telegraph – 05/02/2024](#)

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2024/02/05/sadiq-khan-contactless-payments-stansted-airport/>

**Hong Kong Air Cargo launches new freight flights from Stansted to Far East**

[Bishop's Stortford Independent – 07/02/2024](#)

<https://www.bishopstortfordindependent.co.uk/news/hong-kong-air-cargo-launches-new-freight-flights-from-stanst-9351989/>

**Manchester**

**Manchester airport hails China connections ahead of Lunar New Year**

[Travel Weekly – 07/02/2024](#)

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/manchester-airport-hails-china-connections-ahead-of-lunar-new-year>

**Newcastle**

**Newcastle Airport praised for efforts to reduce carbon emissions**

[Chronicle Live – 01/02/2024](#)

<https://www.chroniclelive.co.uk/news/north-east-news/newcastle-airport-praised-efforts-reduce-28552716>

**Southampton**

**New operations chief to join Southampton airport**

[Travel Weekly – 01/01/2024](#)

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/new-operations-chief-to-join-southampton-airport>

**Teesside**

**Teesside to Stateside – Airport doubles as NYC in new romantic comedy feature film**

[North East Screen – 06/02/2024](#)

<https://northeastscreen.org/teesside-to-stateside-airport-doubles-as-nyc-in-new-romantic-comedy-feature-film/>