

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: Night flight restrictions: Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted airports from October 2025

Closing date: 22/05/2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/night-flight-restrictions-heathrow-gatwick-and-stansted-airports-from-october-2025>

PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

Airports granted extensions to install cutting-edge security technology

DfT – 04/04/2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/airports-granted-extensions-to-install-cutting-edge-security-technology>

CAA traffic data 2023

Terminal and Transit Passenger traffic - [click here](#)

Air Transport Movements - [click here](#)

Why Is Average Flight Capacity Increasing At Its Fastest Rate Ever?

OAG Blog – 28/03/2024

<https://www.oag.com/blog/average-flight-capacity-increasing-at-fastest-rate-ever>

GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA

New London Gatwick taxiway to help reduce delays and cut aircraft emissions

International Airport Review – 02/04/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/218164/new-london-gatwick-taxiway-to-help-reduce-delays-and-cut-aircraft-emissions/>



The world's most stressful airport is revealed - and it's in the UK

Express – 01/04/2024

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/1883685/stressful-airport-Gatwick>

Not Too Close And Not Too Far – The Work To Position London Gatwick’s New RET Just Right

NATS – 28/03/2024

Norse Atlantic confirms new Gatwick-Las Vegas route

Travel Weekly – 28/03/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/norse-atlantic-confirms-new-gatwick-las-vegas-route>

General Headlines

UK should impose frequent flyer tax to curb air travel demand, MPs say

Independent – 03/04/2024

<https://www.independent.co.uk/climate-change/news/uk-frequent-flyer-tax-aviation-pollution-b2522447.html>

Maintenance staff shortage could clip aviation industry's wings

Daily Mail – 31/03/2024

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/afp/article-13256519/Maintenance-staff-shortage-clip-aviation-industrys-wings.html>

British Airways flight close to disaster after near miss with drone at 10,000ft

Independent – 01/04/2024

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/british-airways-flight-drone-heathrow-b2522396.html>

Air traffic controllers could strike for first time in 20 years causing widespread travel chaos

Daily Mail – 29/03/2024

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-13252267/Air-traffic-controllers-strike-time-20-years-causing-widespread-travel-chaos.html>

Easter fires the starting gun for busy summer ahead

NATS – 27/03/2024

<https://www.nats.aero/news/easter-fires-the-starting-gun-for-busy-summer-ahead/>



Top European air safety regulator warns over budget squeeze

Yahoo – 28/03/2024

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/top-european-air-safety-regulator-103209375.html>

Europe's airports call for more EU budget for transport sector

Regional Gateway – 03/04/2024

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/europes-airports-call-for-more-eu-budget-for-transport-sector/>

EU governments 'to blame' for blocking airspace reform

Travel Weekly – 03/04/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/eu-governments-to-blame-for-blocking-airspace-reform>

Ryanair, easyJet and Jet2 bosses slam EC on airspace delay

Travel Weekly – 03/04/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/ryanair-easyjet-and-jet2-bosses-slam-ec-on-airspace-delay>

Wizz Air aims to inspire with Women on Air event

International Airport Review – 01/04/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/217835/wizz-air-aims-to-inspire-with-women-on-air-event/>

'Shortcuts Everywhere': How Boeing Favored Speed Over Quality

Yahoo – 28/03/2024

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/shortcuts-everywhere-boeing-favored-speed-114554781.html>

Passenger news

United adds wheelchair accommodation filter to its flight search results

The Points Guy – 28/03/2024

<https://thepointsguy.com/news/united-airlines-wheelchair-search-filter/>

Industry news

Pioneering simulations by NATS enable routine drone flights in the UK

International Airport Review – 03/04/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/218245/pioneering-simulations-by-nats-enable-routine-drone-flights-in-the-uk/>



Environmental news

Is Bhutan’s tourism tax an elitist ruse or the blueprint for the future of sustainable travel?

Yahoo – 02/04/2024

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/bhutan-tourism-tax-elitist-ruse-091321918.html>

OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Belfast International

Belfast International Airport expecting ‘busiest ever’ Easter period with 180,000 passengers

Belfast Telegraph – 29/03/2024

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/life/travel/belfast-international-airport-expecting-busiest-ever-easter-period-with-180000-passengers/a1161467773.html>

Jet2.com and Jet2holidays celebrate taking off to Malta for the first time from Belfast International Airport

News Letter – 28/03/2024

<https://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/transport/jet2com-and-jet2holidays-celebrate-taking-off-to-malta-for-the-first-time-from-belfast-international-airport-4572901>

Birmingham

Passenger numbers up 17pc in March at Birmingham Airport

Shropshire Star – 02/04/2024

<https://www.shropshirestar.com/news/business/2024/04/02/passenger-numbers-up-17pc-in-march-at-birmingham-airport/>

Arrests soar at Birmingham Airport as drunk passengers vomit, abuse cabin crew and refuse to put seatbelts on

Coventry Telegraph – 03/04/2024

<https://www.coventrytelegraph.net/news/local-news/arrests-soar-birmingham-airport-drunk-28924981>



Engineering students find sustainable uses for Birmingham Airport's Air-Rail link
Solihull Observer – 01/04/2024

<https://solihullobserver.co.uk/news/engineering-students-find-sustainable-uses-for-birmingham-airports-air-rail-link/>

Comment: EasyJet's Birmingham move is great news for the region

Travel Weekly – 03/04/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/in-depth/comment/comment-easyjets-birmingham-move-is-great-news-for-the-region>

Bristol

Bristol Airport Sustainable Flight Claims 'Misleading' Say Activists

Bristol 247 – 01/04/2024

<https://www.bristol247.com/climate/news-climate/bristol-airports-sustainable-flight-claims-misleading-say-activists/>

Bristol Airport braces for 30,000 passenger trips this Easter Sunday

Weston Mercury – 28/03/2024

<https://www.thewestonmercury.co.uk/news/24217667.bristol-airport-braces-30-000-passenger-trips-easter-sunday/>

Man fined £100 after letting wife out of car at Bristol Airport
Plymouth Herald – 01/04/2024

<https://www.plymouthherald.co.uk/news/uk-world-news/man-fined-100-after-letting-9199345>

Man stranded at airport at 1am as parking company loses his car key costing him £700

Mirror – 30/03/2024

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/man-stranded-airport-1am-parking-32477020>

East Midlands

East Midlands Airport's baggage rules with safety and security an 'absolute priority'

Nottingham Post – 29/03/2024

<https://www.nottinghampost.com/news/local-news/east-midlands-airports-baggage-rules-9196944>



East Midlands Airport gains new direct flights to Charles De Gaulle Airport

Leicester Mercury – 01/04/2024

<https://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/news/local-news/east-midlands-airport-gains-new-9199369>

Edinburgh

Man sent bomb threats to Edinburgh Airport because he was ‘sick’ of early flights over house

The Courier – 02/04/2024

<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/fp/news/fife/4933821/bomb-threats-edinburgh-airport-early-flights/>

Airline launches Edinburgh Airport to Barcelona, Spain route

Herald Scotland – 03/04/2024

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/24227418.airline-launches-edinburgh-airport-barcelona-spain-route/>

Glasgow

The nine new flights taking off from Glasgow Airport in 2024

Yahoo – 04/01/2024

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/nine-flights-taking-off-glasgow-060000609.html>

Liverpool

Jet2 celebrates first flights from Liverpool John Lennon airport

Travel Weekly – 28/03/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/jet2-celebrates-first-flights-from-liverpool-john-lennon-airport>

I flew from the UK's best airport to see if it lives up to the hype'

Mirror – 21/03/2024

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/travel/uk-ireland/i-flew-uks-best-airport-32399267>



London City

'Significant risk to security' at London City Airport, report finds: The report highlights lax security at the airport

Standard – 28/03/2024

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/report-risk-security-london-city-airport-david-neal-b1147809.html>

ITA Airways Launches New Flight From Rome Fiumicino to London City Airport

Simple Flying – 27/03/2024

<https://simpleflying.com/ita-airways-launches-flight-rome-fiumicino-london-city/>

London Heathrow

What a Saudi-run Heathrow will mean for passengers: Expect new technology, more flights to Riyadh, extra buses – but no third runway, explains our aviation expert

Telegraph – 02/04/2024

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/travel/travel-truths/what-a-saudi-run-heathrow-will-mean-for-passengers/>

Heathrow Announces Executive Leadership Changes

Travel Wires – 03/04/2024

<https://www.travelwires.com/heathrow-announces-executive-leadership-changes>

Hundreds of Border Force staff at Heathrow Airport to strike in April

Sky – 28/03/2024

<https://news.sky.com/story/hundreds-of-border-force-staff-at-heathrow-airport-to-strike-in-april-13103452>

Heathrow Airport private hire drivers face £1k fines over 'pooing and weeing' in bushes near homes

My London – 30/03/2024

<https://www.mylondon.news/news/west-london-news/heathrow-airport-private-hire-drivers-28900930>



RwandAir to move its operations to Terminal 4 at Heathrow Airport

Times Aerospace – 02/04/2024

<https://www.timesaerospace.aero/news/airports/rwandair-to-move-its-operations-to-terminal-4-at-heathrow-airport>

London Luton

Luton airport car park fire thefts are investigated by police

BBC – 03/04/2024

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-beds-bucks-herts-68674790>

Airport shuttle welcomes 2.7m passengers in a year

BBC – 31/03/2024

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cekep2jng5yo>

London Stansted

Stansted: Campaigners continue backlash on night flights

Dunmow Broadcast – 03/04/2024

<https://www.dunmowbroadcast.co.uk/news/24227278.stansted-campaigners-continue-backlash-night-flights/>

Uttlesford groups benefit from Stansted Airport funding

Dunmow Broadcast – 28/03/2024

<https://www.dunmowbroadcast.co.uk/news/24219366.uttlesford-groups-benefit-stansted-airport-funding/>

Duty Free thieves steal £3,000 worth of perfume and aftershave from Stansted Airport

Essex Live – 01/04/2024

<https://www.essexlive.news/news/essex-news/duty-free-thieves-steal-3000-9199583>

Manchester

Manchester Airport's £1.3bn transformation reaches major milestones

Chester Standard – 01/04/2024

<https://www.chesterstandard.co.uk/news/24218892.manchester-airports-1-3bn-transformation-reaches-major-milestones/>



I left my £30,000 BMW with Manchester airport meet-and-greet staff - when I got back it was written off

Mail Online – 30/03/2024

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-13255225/bmw-driver-leaves-30k-car-manchester-airport.html>

Fury as two brothers who survived Hamas music festival massacre are 'detained for HOURS by aggressive anti-Semitic staff at Manchester Airport

Daily Mail – 26/03/2024

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-13237837/Survivors-Nova-Music-Festival-detained-Manchester-Airport-Israel-Border-Force.html>

UK Border Force treatment of Hamas attack victims probed

BBC – 26/03/2024

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-manchester-68662991>

Significant questions arise over proposed new Handsacre to Manchester Airport line

New Civil Engineer – 22/03/2024

<https://www.newcivilengineer.com/latest/significant-questions-arise-over-proposed-new-handsacre-to-manchester-airport-line-22-03-2024/>

Direct flights to launch between Manchester Airport and Shanghai

Marketing Stockport – 03/04/2024

<https://marketingstockport.co.uk/news/direct-flights-to-launch-between-manchester-airport-and-shanghai/>

Newcastle

EasyJet relaunches flights out of Newcastle to Alicante

Travel Weekly – 03/04/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/easyjet-relaunches-flights-out-of-newcastle-to-alicante>

Southampton

First easyJet Alicante flight leaves Southampton Airport

Daily Echo – 31/03/2024

<https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/24222867.first-easyjet-alicante-flight-lands-southampton-airport/>