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CURRENT NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

DfT Consultation: Night-time noise abatement objectives for the designated airports

Closing date: 09/05/2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/night-time-noise-abatement-objectives-for-the-designated-airports>

CAA Consultation: Airspace change masterplan: scoping the environmental assessments

Closing date: 08/05/2023

<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/policy-development/airspace-change-masterplan-scoping-the-environment/>

DfT Consultation: 2040 zero emissions airport target

Closing date: 02/05/2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/2040-zero-emissions-airport-target>

CAA Call for Evidence: Consumer Environmental Information

Closing date: 07/04/2023

<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/policy-development/environmental-information-call-for-evidence/>

DfT Consultation: Pathway to net zero aviation: developing the UK sustainable aviation fuel mandate

Closing date: 22 June 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/pathway-to-net-zero-aviation-developing-the-uk-sustainable-aviation-fuel-mandate>



PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

Consultation outcome: Night flight restrictions at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted airports between 2022 and 2024 plus future night flight policy

DfT update – 27/03/2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/night-flight-restrictions-at-heathrow-gatwick-and-stansted-airports-between-2022-and-2024-plus-future-night-flight-policy>

Government consultation on night-time noise objectives at some of the busiest airports is set to take off: Night flight policy still under review as new consultation on noise objectives launches

DfT – 27/03/2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-consultation-on-night-time-noise-objectives-at-some-of-the-busiest-airports-is-set-to-take-off>

Aviation noise policy statement: Sets out the government’s revised overarching aviation noise policy statement

DfT Policy Paper – 27/03/2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/aviation-noise-policy-statement>

Airports Council International 2023 Airport Economics Report

March 2023

<https://store.aci.aero/product/2023-airport-economics-report/>

NATS deploys once in a generation airspace upgrade

NATS – 27/03/2023

<https://www.nats.aero/news/nats-deploys-once-in-a-generation-airspace-upgrade/>

Airport consultative committees: information gathering exercise

DfT- 30 March 2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/airport-consultative-committees-information-gathering-exercise>

Government completes review of airport ground operations to increase sector’s resilience

DfT - 30 March 2023

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-completes-review-of-airport-ground-operations-to-increase-sectors-resilience?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=ba5fc418-c052-458f-9755-1381ef1059aa&utm_content=immediately



Support study for the Department of Transport review of UK ground handling
DfT – 30 March 2023

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/support-study-for-the-department-of-transport-review-of-uk-ground-handling?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=cefc9e97-0697-4f57-a9ba-0cd3f65234aa&utm_content=immediately

GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES

London Gatwick Airport welcomes return of Air China 31/03/2023

https://mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/press-releases/all/23_03_31_london_gatwick_airport_welcomes_return_of_air_china.aspx

Southeast exports £half a billion to India each year, as first Air India flights leave Gatwick Airport 28/03/2023

https://mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/press-releases/all/23_03_28_air_india.aspx

London Gatwick Airport secures daily Air Mauritius flights this winter 23/03/2023

https://mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/press-releases/all/23_03_23_london_gatwick_airport_secures_daily_air_mauritius_flights_this_winter.aspx

GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA

Gatwick passengers hit by check-in delays after IT issue

BBC – 26/03/2023

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-sussex-65075417>

Gatwick Airport: Southeast exports £479 billion of goods and services to India each year, as first Air India flights leave Gatwick

Sussex World – 27/03/2023

<https://www.sussexexpress.co.uk/business/gatwick-airport-southeast-exports-ps479-billion-of-goods-and-services-to-india-each-year-as-first-air-india-flights-leave-gatwick-4080413>

General Headlines

Updated: Latest Border Force strike confirmed for April 28

Travel Weekly – 28/03/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/latest-border-force-strike-confirmed-for-april-28>



UK airports set for bumper business rates amid GBP1.4 billion tax rise

LSE – 27/03/2023

<https://www.lse.co.uk/news/uk-airports-set-for-bumper-business-rates-amid-gbp14-billion-tax-rise-gmbb4tjkk203xxu.html>

A third of flights to and from UK airports were at least 15 minutes late last year

Independent – 24/03/2023

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/uk-airport-flights-late-delayed-2022-b2306606.html>

Comment: Will 2023 see a return to pre-Covid 19 volumes?

Travel Weekly – 24/03/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/in-depth/comment/comment-will-2023-see-a-return-to-pre-covid-19-volumes>

Latest airport data reveals the industry's financial recovery trends

Airports Council International – 22/03/2023

<https://aci.aero/2023/03/22/latest-airport-data-reveals-the-industrys-financial-recovery-trends>

Spending on holidays and flights outpaces other sectors

Travel Weekly – 24/03/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/spending-on-holidays-and-flights-outpaces-other-sectors>

Disused UK airport once busier than Gatwick to restart passenger flights this summer

The Mirror – 28/03/2023

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/travel/uk-ireland/disused-uk-airport-once-busier-29568129>

Industry news

UK Government to review noise objectives for night flight policy

International Airport Review – 29/03/2023

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/184014/uk-government-to-review-noise-objectives-for-night-flight-policy/>

Business Travel Association chief joins events sector lobbying group

Travel Weekly – 24/03/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/business-travel-association-chief-joins-events-sector-lobbying-group>



Environmental news

Getting real: what would serious climate action look like? Not expanding aviation?

Airport Watch – 27/03/2023

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2023/03/getting-real-what-would-serious-climate-action-look-like-not-expanding-aviation/>

Climate groups taking government to High Court over greenwash “Jet Zero” aviation strategy

Airport Watch – 29/03/2023

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2023/03/climate-groups-taking-government-to-high-court-over-greenwash-jet-zero-aviation-strategy/>

Dutch to introduce limits on the carbon emissions of international flights from its airports

Airport Watch – 23/03/2023

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2023/03/dutch-to-introduce-limits-on-the-carbon-emissions-of-some-airports/>

OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Aberdeen

Loganair launches extended schedule from Aberdeen Airport

Press & Journal – 27/03/2023

<https://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/fp/news/aberdeen-aberdeenshire/5550619/loganair-launches-extended-schedule-aberdeen/>

Belfast City

easyJet expands Belfast City Airport presence with two additional routes

Anna Aero – 23/03/2023

<https://www.anna.aero/2023/03/23/easyjet-expands-belfast-city-airport-presence-with-two-additional-routes/>



Belfast International

Ryanair reopens base at Belfast International airport

Travel Weekly – 28/03/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/ryanair-reopens-base-at-belfast-international-airport>

Birmingham

Birmingham airport to discuss plans for quicker and simpler security after huge queues last summer

ITV – 29/03/2023

<https://www.itv.com/news/central/2023-03-29/birmingham-airport-to-discuss-plans-for-quicker-security-after-huge-queues>

Bristol

easyJet launches Bristol Airport flights to Tunisia

Bristol Live – 29/03/2023

<https://www.bristolpost.co.uk/whats-on/whats-on-news/easyjet-launches-bristol-airport-flights-8300313>

East Midlands

New daily flights announced from East Midlands Airport to Paris

Nottingham Post – 23/03/2023

<https://www.nottinghampost.com/news/nottingham-news/new-daily-flights-announced-east-8282045>

Edinburgh

EasyJet expands twilight bag drop to Edinburgh airport

Travel Weekly – 27/03/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/easyjet-expands-twilight-bag-drop-to-edinburgh-airport>



Exeter

Do we fully value Exeter Airport? - Tim Jones

North Devon Gazette – 29/03/2023

<https://www.northdevongazette.co.uk/do-we-fully-value-exeter-airport-tim-jones/>

Glasgow

Emirates ramps up capacity from Glasgow with return of A380

Travel Weekly – 26/03/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/emirates-ramps-up-capacity-from-glasgow-with-return-of-a380>

Inverness

Highland Council eyeing up possible new shuttle bus service between Inverness Airport and the new railway station

Inverness Courier – 25/03/2023

<https://www.inverness-courier.co.uk/news/shuttle-bus-service-in-pipeline-for-airport-and-new-railway-307953/>

Leeds Bradford

Airport investigation still 'ongoing' as campaigners fear 'night flight misery'

West Leeds Dispatch – 28/03/2023

<https://westleedsdispatch.com/airport-investigation-still-ongoing-as-campaigners-fear-night-flight-misery/>

Leeds Bradford Airport set to open refurbished lounges

Passenger Terminal Today – 28/03/2023

<https://www.passengerterminaltoday.com/news/lounge/leeds-bradford-airport-set-to-open-refurbished-lounges.html>

Leeds Bradford Airport's first Perpignan and Porto flights

Telegraph & Argus – 28/03/2023

<https://www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk/news/23418057.leeds-bradford-airports-first-perpignan-porto-flights/>



Liverpool

Liverpool John Lennon Airport's new service to "give passengers the ultimate VIP experience"

The Guide Liverpool – 28/03/2023

<https://theguideliverpool.com/liverpool-john-lennon-airport-new-service-to-give-passengers-the-ultimate-vip-experience/>

London City

London City Airport: Mayor's office against weekend flights

BBC – 28/03/2023

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-65086374>

London Heathrow

Heathrow strike: Airport announces contingency plan for 10-day airport walkout

ITV – 27/03/2023

<https://www.itv.com/news/london/2023-03-27/heathrow-airport-announces-contingency-plan-for-10-day-airport-strike>

Support for Heathrow third runway must be withdrawn by next First Minister, say Lib Dems

Daily Record – 24/03/2023

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/politics/support-heathrow-third-runway-must-29535397>

Attempts to restart the Western Rail Link to Heathrow Airport

Ian Visits – 23/03/2023

<https://www.ianvisits.co.uk/articles/attempts-to-restart-the-western-rail-link-to-heathrow-airport-61421/>

Loganair to expand at London Heathrow amid call to improve UK regional connectivity

The Scotsman – 28/03/2023

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/transport/loganair-to-expand-at-london-heathrow-amid-call-to-improve-uk-regional-connectivity-4082782>



New Delta service to take off from Heathrow to Los Angeles

Travel Weekly – 24/03/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/new-delta-service-to-take-off-from-heathrow-to-los-angeles>

Boots opens latest store at Heathrow Airport Terminal 3

The Moodie Davitt Report – 27/03/2023

<https://www.moodiedavittreport.com/boots-opens-latest-store-at-heathrow-airport-terminal-3/>

London Luton

Luton Airport expansion plans move to next stage

Travel Weekly – 28/03/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/luton-airport-expansion-plans-move-to-next-stage>

Claims new Luton Airport flightpaths are causing 'increased noise and pollution' over Huntingdonshire

Cambridge News – 28/03/2023

<https://www.cambridge-news.co.uk/news/local-news/claims-new-luton-airport-flightpaths-26572365>

London Southend

First easyJet Southend Airport flight of the summer

Echo – 29/03/2023

<https://www.echo-news.co.uk/news/23419510.first-easyjet-southend-airport-flight-summer/>

London Stansted

Stansted Airport has new flights to Athens, Rome and more

East Anglian Daily Times – 28/03/2023

<https://www.eadt.co.uk/news/23417568.stansted-airport-new-flights-athens-rome/>

Newcastle

Newcastle International Airport welcomes new airline and “vibrant” destination

Bdaily – 29/03/2023

<https://bdaily.co.uk/articles/2023/03/29/newcastle-international-airport-welcomes-new-airline-and-vibrant-destination>



Southampton

New flights from Southampton Airport

Planet Radio – 23/03/2023

<https://planetradio.co.uk/wave-105/local/news/new-flights-from-southampton-airport/>