

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

CAA Consultation: Performance framework for airline accessibility

Closing date: 21/07/2023

<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/corporate-communications/performance-framework-for-airline-accessibility/>

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

Closing date: 22/06/2023

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

A quieter Heathrow: Take part in our consultation to give feedback on our new Noise Action Plan - Heathrow Airport Consultation

Closing date: 17/07/2023

<https://www.heathrow.com/company/about-heathrow/consultation/heathrow-noise-action-plan-consultation?CMP=VU--HRW03>

CAA Consultation: Economic regulation of Gatwick Airport Limited: consultation on proposal to extend the current commitments

Closing date: 19/07/2023

<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/economic-regulation/gatwick-airport-limited-commitments/>

PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

Cancelled flights and flights on time improve at UK airports

CAA – 02/06/2023

<https://www.caa.co.uk/news/cancelled-flights-and-flights-on-time-improve-at-uk-airports/>



ACI World welcomes IATA’s ongoing collaboration in building a sustainable aviation sector

Regional Gateway – 06/06/2023

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/aci-world-welcomes-iatas-ongoing-collaboration-in-building-a-sustainable-aviation-sector/>

Firm value in the airline industry: perspectives on the impact of sustainability and Covid-19

Nature.com – 06/06/2023

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41599-023-01644-8>

Cirium’s new aviation analytics tools will accelerate digital transformation and sustainability

Satellite Evolution – 06/06/2023

<https://www.satelliteevolution.com/post/cirium-s-new-aviation-analytics-tools-will-accelerate-digital-transformation-and-sustainability>

“The smoothest transition of my career”: Intelligent Approach goes Dutch at Schiphol

NATS blog – 06/06/2023

Airspace management is vital to the next generation of aviation

NATS blog – 05/06/2023

GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES

New link to Saudi Arabia – the region’s top trading partner - launches at London Gatwick - 02/06/2023

https://mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/press-releases/all/23_06_02_new_link_to_saudi_arabia_the_regions_top_trading_partner_launches_at_london_gatwick.aspx

GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA

UK aviation regulator opens consultation on Gatwick Airport price plan

LSE – 07/06/2023

<https://www.lse.co.uk/news/uk-aviation-regulator-opens-consultation-on-gatwick-airport-price-plan-wrk4f7dak39581q.html>



Appeal to identify man found dead in plane at Gatwick Airport

News Shopper – 06/06/2023

<https://www.newsshopper.co.uk/news/23570827.appeal-identify-man-found-dead-plane-gatwick-airport/>

Gatwick Airport seeks more deserving causes in Sussex through Gatwick Foundation Fund

Sussex Express – 06/06/2023

<https://www.sussexexpress.co.uk/news/people/gatwick-airport-seeks-more-deserving-causes-in-sussex-through-gatwick-foundation-fund-4172184>

Norse Atlantic celebrates inaugural Gatwick-Washington DC flight

Travel Weekly – 02/06/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/norse-atlantic-celebrates-inaugural-gatwick-washington-dc-flight>

General Headlines

Fewer flights cancelled and more arrived on time, latest CAA data shows

Travel Weekly – 02/06/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/fewer-flights-cancelled-and-more-arrived-on-time-latest-cao-data-shows>

Air traffic control strikes ‘more of a concern than e-gates failure’

Travel Weekly – 02/06/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/air-traffic-control-strikes-more-of-a-concern-than-e-gates-failure>

Why 120 new air traffic controllers are needed each year for airports like Gatwick and Heathrow

ITV – 06/06/2023

<https://www.itv.com/news/meridian/2023-06-06/why-120-additional-air-traffic-controllers-are-needed-each-year>

Ryanair cancel 400 flights after French air traffic controllers go on strike

Evening Standard – 06/06/2023

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/world/ryanair-cancel-flights-french-air-traffic-controllers-strike-b1086030.html>



British Airways fined almost £1 million by US government over Covid refunds

Evening Standard – 02/06/2023

<https://www.standard.co.uk/business/business-news/british-airways-fined-almost-ps1-million-by-us-government-over-covid-refunds-b1085119.html>

Fury at 38,000ft: Unruly behaviour on planes such as drunken abuse or violence saw a 47% rise in 2022 with incidents on one in every 568 flights compared to one in every 835

Daily Mail – 05/06/2023

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/travel/article-12159925/Unruly-behaviour-planes-drunken-abuse-violence-saw-47-rise-2022.html>

The world's best airlines in 2023

Independent – 01/06/2023

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/best-airlines-air-new-zealand-2023-b2349610.html>

Passenger news

Business travel recovery set to overtake leisure market in July

Travel Weekly – 07/06/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/business-travel-recovery-set-to-overtake-leisure-market-in-july>

Industry news

ACI World welcomes IATA's Net Zero Roadmaps and urges for sustained collaboration with stakeholders

International Airport Review – 06/06/2023

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/185632/aci-world-welcomes-iatas-net-zero-roadmaps-and-urges-for-sustained-collaboration-with-stakeholders/>

Global air passenger traffic tops 90% of pre-Covid levels

Travel Weekly – 02/06/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/global-air-passenger-traffic-tops-90-of-pre-covid-levels>

Airlines' profitability forecast doubles to almost \$10bn for 2023

Travel Weekly – 07/06/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/airlines-profitability-forecast-doubles-to-almost-10bn-for-2023>



Environmental news

The government must go further and faster to deliver jet zero

Politics Home – 07/06/2023

<https://www.politicshome.com/thehouse/article/government-go-faster-deliver-jet-zero>

Green agenda will mean higher air fares for decades, says ex-BA boss Willie Walsh

Telegraph – 06/06/2023

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/business/2023/06/06/green-agenda-higher-air-fares-ex-ba-boss-willie-walsh/>

SAF production set for continued growth according to IATA

Regional Gateway – 06/06/2023

<https://www.regionalgateway.net/saf-production-set-for-continued-growth-according-to-iata/>

‘Pigs do fly’: Growing use of animal fats in cars and planes increasingly unsustainable

Airport Watch – 01/06/2023

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2023/06/pigs-do-fly-growing-use-of-animal-fats-in-cars-and-planes-increasingly-unsustainable/>

Airline to sell tickets for electric plane flights – with departures from 2028

Independent – 01/06/2023

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/electric-plane-flights-sas-tickets-2028-b2349475.html>

Qatar Airways signs deal with Shell for Sustainable Aviation Fuel supply at Schiphol Airport

International Airport Review – 02/06/2023

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/185562/qatar-airways-signs-deal-with-shell-for-sustainable-aviation-fuel-supply-at-schiphol-airport/>

OXCCU lands £18m round for clean jet fuel

UK Tech News – 07/06/2023

<https://www.uktech.news/climate-tech/oxccu-series-a-20230607>



OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Belfast City

The 'Try-before-you-fly' airport scheme helping autistic children

BBC – 30/05/2023

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/65710605>

Belfast International

New summer route set to take off from Belfast International Airport

Belfast Live – 06/06/2023

<https://www.belfastlive.co.uk/news/belfast-news/new-summer-route-set-take-27057976>

Birmingham

Birmingham Airport passenger advice issued as major £40m works begin

Birmingham Mail – 05/06/2023

<https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/birmingham-airport-passenger-advice-issued-26998265>

Construction begins on \$27 million cargo facility at Birmingham airport for flights to, from Germany

AL.com – 06/06/2023

<https://www.al.com/news/2023/06/construction-begins-on-27-million-cargo-facility-at-birmingham-airport-for-flights-to-from-germany.html>

Bristol

Campaigners 'distracted' as Bristol Airport appeal dismissed

MNR Journal – 01/06/2023

<https://www.mnrjournal.co.uk/news/planning/campaigners-distracted-as-bristol-airport-appeal-dismissed-617361>

Bristol Airport passengers fume over 'utter chaos' amid 'eGate closure'

Bristol Post – 07/06/2023

<https://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/bristol-news/live-bristol-airport-passengers-fume-8500973>



Bristol Airport's new solar farm sees Phase One complete

North Somerset Times – 06/06/2023

<https://www.northsomersettimes.co.uk/news/23570205.bristol-airports-new-solar-farm-sees-phase-one-complete/>

Doncaster Sheffield

Doncaster Sheffield Airport: Protection order for key buildings comes into force after 'imminent threat' of demolition by owners Peel due to 'health and safety' risk

Yorkshire Post – 05/06/2023

<https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/transport/doncaster-sheffield-airport-protection-order-for-key-buildings-comes-into-force-after-imminent-threat-of-demolition-by-owners-peel-due-to-health-and-safety-risk-4169798>

Mayoral authority to vote on funding to support purchase of Doncaster Sheffield Airport

Airport Watch – 05/06/2023

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2023/06/mayoral-authority-to-vote-on-funding-to-support-purchase-of-doncaster-sheffield-airport/>

East Midlands

East Midland Airport moves to ban noisy planes as residents offered free noise insulation

Staffordshire Live – 07/06/2023

<https://www.staffordshire-live.co.uk/news/local-news/east-midland-airport-moves-ban-8499467>

Edinburgh

Edinburgh flights: easyJet announces new flights from Edinburgh Airport to Sicily and Turkey

Edinburgh News – 05/06/2023

<https://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/transport/edinburgh-flights-easyjet-announces-new-flights-from-edinburgh-airport-to-sicily-and-turkey-4170199>



Exeter

Exeter Airport expands its reach to Portugal with new Ryanair flights to Faro
We are South Devon – 02/06/2023

<https://wearesouthdevon.com/exeter-airport-expands-its-reach-to-portugal-with-new-ryanair-flights-to-faro/>

Glasgow

Unite ballots OCS workers at Glasgow airport after no improved wage offer
Unite the Union – 05/06/2023

<https://www.unitetheunion.org/news-events/news/2023/june/unite-ballots-ocs-workers-at-glasgow-airport-after-no-improved-wage-offer/>

Glasgow Airport celebrates new Lufthansa Munich route

Herald Scotland – 07/06/2023

https://www.heraldscotland.com/business_hq/23573792.glasgow-airport-celebrates-new-lufthansa-munich-route/

Inverness

Inverness Airport blunder sees two plane-loads of passengers parted from their luggage

Inverness Courier – 31/05/2023

<https://www.inverness-courier.co.uk/news/inverness-airport-luggage-error-315515/>

Leeds Bradford

Leeds Bradford Airport breached night-time flight limit by 747

BBC – 06/06/2023

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leeds-65826244>

Liverpool

Special report: Is the era of cheap flights over?

Liverpool Business News – 03/06/2023

<https://lbdaily.co.uk/special-report-is-the-era-of-cheap-flights-at-an-end/>



Liverpool Airport Has Never Been Busier This Summer

Aviation Source News – 05/06/2023

<https://aviationsourcenews.com/airport/liverpool-airport-has-never-been-busier-this-summer/>

London Heathrow

Heathrow launches consultation for its updated Noise Action Plan

Independent Airport Review – 07/06/2023

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/185688/heathrow-launches-consultation-for-its-updated-noise-action-plan/>

Ruth Cadbury, MP for Brentford & Isleworth, reaffirms her opposition to Heathrow expansion

Airport Watch – 07/06/2023

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2023/06/ruth-cadbury-mp-for-brentford-isleworth-reaffirms-her-opposition-to-heathrow-expansion/>

Heathrow security staff announce massive summer strike

Independent – 07/06/2023

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/heathrow-airport-strike-dates-b2353062.html>

British Airways resumes Heathrow-Beijing flights after three years

LSE – 05/06/2023

<https://www.lse.co.uk/news/british-airways-resumes-heathrow-beijing-flights-after-three-years-2luy2sbabd5o8ay.html>

Heathrow and IHG back new Business Council

Travel Weekly – 05/06/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/heathrow-and-ihg-back-new-business-council>

London Luton

LLA teams up with London Blitz

Airports International – 05/06/2023

<https://www.airportsinternational.com/article/lla-teams-london-blitz>



London Southend

A Brief History Of London Southend Airport

Simple Flying – 02/06/2023

<https://simpleflying.com/london-southend-airport-history/>

easyJet Expands London Southend Restart With Paris Route

Aviation Source – 06/06/2023

<https://aviationsourcenews.com/airline/easyjet-expands-london-southend-restart-with-paris-route/>

London Stansted

Putting the run in runway: Stansted Airport workers race on newly-resurfaced strip to raise money for charities
Bishops Stortford Independent – 06/06/2023

<https://www.bishopsstortfordindependent.co.uk/news/stansted-airport-staff-race-on-runway-to-raise-charity-cash-9315596/>

Manchester

'Chaos' as passengers stuck on 'greenhouse' plane before being stranded for hours in airport on return to Manchester

Manchester Evening News – 06/06/2023

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/chaos-passengers-stuck-greenhouse-plane-27068645>

Manchester Airport announces direct flights to Las Vegas from 2024

The Manc – 06/06/2023

<https://themanc.com/news/manchester-airport-announces-direct-flights-to-las-vegas-from-2024/>

Teeside

Flight from Teesside International Airport to Corfu sets off

The Northern Echo – 03/06/2023

<https://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/23565779.flight-teesside-international-airport-corfu-sets-off/>