

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

Closing date: extended to 28/07/2023

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

PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

Jet Zero strategy: one year on

DfT – 20/07/2023

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/jet-zero-strategy-one-year-on>

CAA Airport accessibility report – 2022/23

20/07/2023

[Click here](#) to see CAA press release

[Click here](#) to see full report.

CAA Consumer Panel Annual Report for year ended 31 March 2023

29/06/2023

<https://publicapps.caa.co.uk/docs/33/CAA%20Consumer%20Panel%20Annual%20Report%202022-23.pdf>

Heathrow air traffic control's secret ingredient

24/07/2023

<https://nats.aero/blog/2023/07/heathrow-air-traffic-controls-secret-ingredient/>



GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA

London Gatwick Airport: Passengers' travel plans thrown into chaos as staff shortages and bad weather cause flight cancellations

Sussex World – 25/07/2023

<https://www.sussexexpress.co.uk/news/transport/london-gatwick-airport-passengers-travel-plans-thrown-into-chaos-as-staff-shortages-and-bad-weather-cause-flight-cancellations-4231941>

Thousands stranded as air traffic control delays cause dozens of flight cancellations at Gatwick

The Independent – 25/07/2023

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/holidays-flight-cancellation-gatwick-airport-b2381592.html>

Gatwick airport set to avoid strikes in peak summer travel season

Financial Times – 24/07/2023

<https://www.ft.com/content/ccd17bfa-a510-4b9b-a6ce-84342c62e46a>

More Gatwick summer strikes suspended following improved pay offers

Sky News – 24/07/2023

<https://news.sky.com/story/more-gatwick-summer-strikes-suspended-following-improved-pay-offers-12926627>

Greggs opens first London airport location

The Baker – 25/07/2023

<https://bakeryinfo.co.uk/retail/greggs-opens-first-london-airport-location/681483.article>

General Headlines

Holiday boost for families as airport change to ease UK border queues this summer

National News 24/07/2023

<https://www.nationalworld.com/news/traffic-and-travel/holiday-families-airport-uk-border-queues-4229372>

Thousands of holidaymakers return to UK from Rhodes overnight as rescue flights continue

Manchester Evening News – 25/07/2023

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/world-news/thousands-holidaymakers-return-uk-rhodes-27391303>



UK Civil Aviation Authority report rates 18 airports as ‘good’ or ‘very good’ for accessibility

This Magazine – 24/07/2023

<https://this.co.uk/uk-civil-aviation-authority-report-rates-18-airports-as-good-or-very-good-for-accessibility/>

UK airport strikes: everything you need to know

Conde Nast Traveller – 19/07/2023

<https://www.cntraveller.com/article/airport-strikes-heathrow-gatwick-manchester>

Anger as over 300 'ghost flights' pass through Scottish airports in first quarter of 2023

Yahoo news – 24/07/2023

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/anger-over-300-ghost-flights-040000135.html>

Passenger news

Strike dates July and August 2023: days to avoid booking holidays and what to do if you are travelling

Which? – 21/07/2023

<https://www.which.co.uk/news/article/border-force-uk-strike-dates-airports-train-strikes-2023-a04E49A38i9K>

Tech to bring liquid limit to end at UK airport

The Drinks Business – 25/07/2023

<https://www.thedrinksbusiness.com/2023/07/tech-to-bring-liquid-limit-to-end-at-uk-airport/>

CAA praises accessibility improvements across UK airports

Aviation Source – 21/07/2023

<https://aviationsourcenews.com/airport/caa-praises-accessibility-improvements-across-uk-airports/>

Environmental news

Why increasing levels of air travel won't lead to growth in UK productivity or GDP

AEF 17/07/2023

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2023/07/17/why-increasing-levels-of-air-travel-wont-lead-to-growth-in-uk-productivity-or-gdp/>

Ecojet: Dale Vince launches an aviation revolution

Ecotricity – 17/07/2023



<https://www.ecotricity.co.uk/our-news/2023/ecojet-dale-vince-launches-an-aviation-revolution>

Cait Hewitt: 'I hope the era of aviation exceptionalism is over'

Financial Times – 24/07/2023

<https://www.ft.com/content/add3e6d8-21b1-46c7-b821-66678f4ea17c>

OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Aberdeen

Aberdeen International Airport receives highest rating for disability access

Grampian on line – 20/07/2023

<https://www.grampianonline.co.uk/news/aberdeen-international-airport-receives-highest-rating-for-d-320833/>

Belfast City

Belfast City Airport Receives High Accessibility Rating

Hospitality Ireland – 20/07/2023

<https://www.hospitalityireland.com/general-industry/belfast-city-airport-receives-high-accessibility-rating-199703>

Belfast International

PSNI Target Money Laundering At Belfast International Airport

4NI – 24/07/2023

<https://www.4ni.co.uk/northern-ireland-news/298936/psni-target-money-laundering-at-belfast-international-airport>

Police and Border Force conduct luggage searches for 'large amounts of cash' at Belfast International Airport

Yahoo News – 21/07/2023

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/police-border-force-conduct-luggage-203755318.html>

EasyJet announce new route from Belfast International Airport

U105 – 19/07/2023

<https://www.u105.com/news/buzz/easyjet-announce-new-route-from-belfast-international-airport/>



Birmingham

Major Birmingham Airport change coming tomorrow at start of holiday season

Birmingham News – 23/07/2023

<https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/major-birmingham-airport-change-coming-27377838>

Birmingham Airport website hit with issues after suspected hacker attack

Express & Star – 19/07/2023

<https://www.expressandstar.com/news/local-hubs/birmingham/2023/07/19/airport-website-hit-with-issues-after-suspected-hacker-attack/>

Bristol

Bristol Airport has the 9th highest crime rate in the UK, data reveals

North Somerset Times – 24/07/2023

<https://www.northsomersettimes.co.uk/news/23675924.bristol-airport-9th-highest-crime-rate-uk-data-reveals/>

Bristol Airport issues new traveller advice as it gears up for busiest summer ever

Somersetlive – 24/07/2023

<https://www.somersetlive.co.uk/news/somerset-news/bristol-airport-issues-new-traveller-8624450>

Bristol Airport: Traffic warning ahead of A38 closure

BBC News – 19/07/2023

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-bristol-66271076>

East Midlands

East Midlands Airport gears for busiest summer since 2019

Aviation Source – 21/07/2023

<https://aviationsourcenews.com/airport/east-midlands-airport-gears-for-busiest-summer-since-2019/>

East Midlands Airport lounges - how much they cost and what you get for your money

Nottingham Post – 23/07/2023

<https://www.nottinghampost.com/news/local-news/east-midlands-airport-lounges-how-8622703>



Edinburgh

West Edinburgh masterplan: Vision of 11,000 new homes in new neighbourhood along A8 close to Edinburgh Airport

Edinburgh News – 20/07/2023

<https://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/politics/council/west-edinburgh-masterplan-vision-of-11000-new-homes-in-new-neighbourhood-along-a8-close-to-edinburgh-airport-4223388>

Edinburgh Airport baggage fiasco: Anger at cases left unattended in terminal corridor

The Scotsman – 19/07/2023

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/national/edinburgh-airport-baggage-fiasco-anger-at-cases-left-unattended-in-terminal-corridor-4219738>

Edinburgh passenger tasered and dragged off flight due to 'unruly behaviour'

Edinburgh Live – 22/07/2023

<https://www.edinburghlive.co.uk/news/edinburgh-news/edinburgh-passenger-tasered-dragged-flight-27374285>

Exeter

Exeter Airport ranking best by Civil Aviation Authority

Exmouth Journal – 22/07/2023

<https://www.exmouthjournal.co.uk/news/23670504.exeter-airport-ranking-best-civil-aviation-authority/>

Farnborough

Farnborough Airport becomes first UK business aviation airport with ACA Level 4+ ADS – 24/07/2023

<https://www.adsadvance.co.uk/farnborough-airport-becomes-first-uk-business-aviation-airport-with-aca-level-4-.html>

Glasgow

Major airline to launch new route from Glasgow Airport to popular European destination

Glasgow World – 25/07/2023

<https://www.glasgowworld.com/news/major-airline-to-launch-new-route-from-glasgow-airport-to-popular-european-destination-4231010>



Glasgow Airport receives top ranking in CAA's annual accessibility report

ADSAdvance – 22/07/2023

<https://www.adsadvance.co.uk/glasgow-airport-receives-top-ranking-in-caa-s-annual-accessibility-report.html>

Glasgow Prestwick

Glasgow Prestwick named airport with lowest carbon footprint in UK

Herald Scotland – 20/07/2023

https://www.heraldscotland.com/business_hq/23668221.glasgow-prestwick-named-airport-lowest-carbon-footprint-uk/

Inverness

Inverness Airport receives top rating for accessibility

Strathspey Herald - 24/07/2023

<https://www.strathspey-herald.co.uk/news/inverness-airport-receives-top-rating-for-accessibility-321057/>

Inverness surge helps regional airports continue post-pandemic recovery

The Scotsman – 25/07/2023

<https://www.scotsman.com/business/inverness-surge-helps-regional-airports-continue-post-pandemic-recovery-4231254>

Passenger numbers on the rise at Inverness Airport

Inverness Courier – 25/07/2023

<https://www.inverness-courier.co.uk/news/passenger-numbers-on-the-rise-at-inverness-airport-321168/>

Leeds Bradford

Leeds Bradford Airport Jet2 warning as airline braced for 'busiest weekend in history'

Leeds Live – 22/07/2023

<https://www.leeds-live.co.uk/news/leeds-news/leeds-bradford-airport-jet2-warning-27367954>

Liverpool John Lennon

How to beat the crowds at Liverpool John Lennon Airport this summer

Yahoo news – 25/07/2023

https://uk.news.yahoo.com/beat-crowds-liverpool-john-lennon-181228355.html?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ29vZ2xlLmNvLnVrLw&guce_referrer_sig=AQA



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London City

Floating solar panels could power London City Airport, says Sadiq Khan

Evening Standard – 25/07/2023

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/solar-panels-london-city-airport-renewable-energy-sadiq-khan-b1096415.html>

London City encounters barriers to modest expansion plans: part one – disruption blamed for verdict

CAPA – 25/07/2023

<https://centreforaviation.com/analysis/reports/london-city-airport-encounters-constant-barriers-to-its-modest-expansion-plans-655196>

More business groups back London City Airport expansion after council blocked growth plans

City A.M. – 20/07/2023

<https://www.cityam.com/more-business-groups-back-london-city-airport-expansion-after-council-blocked-growth-plans/>

London City Airport's Private Jet Centre recognised for excellence in business aviation handling

Business Airport International – 21/07/2023

<https://www.businessairportinternational.com/news/london-city-airports-private-jet-centre-recognised-for-excellence-in-business-aviation-handling.html>

London Heathrow

Singapore Airlines Passengers Leaving London Can Now Check Their Baggage In At Home

Simply Flying – 24/07/2023

<https://simpleflying.com/singapore-airlines-london-heathrow-airport-partnership/>

Travellex installs automated FX kiosk in Heathrow airport

The Payers – 25/07/2023

<https://thepayers.com/payments-general/travelex-installs-automated-fx-kiosk-in-heathrow-airport--1263584>



Heathrow asks airlines to carry excess fuel despite carbon impact

The Guardian – 25/07/2023

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2023/jul/25/heathrow-airlines-excess-fuel-passengers-flights>

Pakistan International Airlines Leasing London Heathrow Airport Slots

Simple Flying – 21/07/2023

<https://simpleflying.com/pakistan-international-airlines-lease-london-heathrow-slots/>

Heathrow rated poor over access for disabled passengers

BBC News – 20/07/2023

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-66256121>

London Luton

London Luton Airport: 12 pictures from the capital's Bedfordshire airport as it celebrates 85th anniversary

Yahoo News – 23/07/2023

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/london-luton-airport-12-pictures-112131013.html>

Luton airport targeted for summer strike action

Travel Weekly – 19/07/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/luton-airport-targeted-for-summer-strike-action>

Real terms pay cut provokes strike action at Luton Airport

Unite the Union – 19/07/2023

<https://www.unitetheunion.org/news-events/news/2023/july/real-terms-pay-cut-provokes-strike-action-at-luton-airport/>

London Luton is one of the busiest airports in the UK - ranking in the top 5

Luton Today – 25/07/2023

<https://www.lutontoday.co.uk/lifestyle/travel/london-luton-is-one-of-the-busiest-airports-in-the-uk-ranking-in-the-top-5-4231180>

London Stansted

Stansted Airport launches courses on sustainable aviation

Saffron Walden Reporter – 25/07/2023

<https://www.saffronwaldenreporter.co.uk/news/23677957.stansted-airport-launches-courses-sustainable-aviation/>

Route: New X20 bus from Colchester to Stansted Airport

Gazette News – 23/07/2023



<https://www.gazette-news.co.uk/news/23670633.x20-bus-colchester-stansted-airport-launch/>

Stansted Airport: Illegally parked cars a 'hazard'

Dunmow Broadcast – 25/07/2023

<https://www.dunmowbroadcast.co.uk/news/23678916.stansted-airport-illegally-parked-cars-hazard/>

Stansted Airport consults on its draft noise action plan for 2024-28

Bishop Stortford Independent – 24/07/2023

<https://www.bishopstortfordindependent.co.uk/news/have-your-say-on-stansted-airport-s-draft-noise-action-plan-9322833/>

Stansted Airport posted for biggest summer yet

Your Harlow – 23/07/2023

<https://www.yourharlow.com/2023/07/23/stansted-airport-posted-for-biggest-summer-yet/>

London Southend

London Southend Airport unveils latest addition to list of summer destinations

In your area – 25/07/2023

<https://www.inyourarea.co.uk/news/london-southend-airport-unveils-latest-addition-to-list-of-summer-destinations/>

Southend Airport confident more routes to come in 2024

The Echo – 23/07/2023

<https://www.echo-news.co.uk/news/23672930.southend-airport-confident-routes-come-2024/>

Manchester

Accessibility improvements for disabled passengers at Manchester Airport praised by watchdog

Manchester Evening News – 20/07/2023

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/manchester-airport-accessibility-improvements-for-27359261>

Flying with kids? Manchester Airport shares top tips for a hassle free getaway

Manchester World -25/07/2023

<https://uk.sports.yahoo.com/news/flying-kids-manchester-airport-shares-141604834.html>



Newcastle

Newcastle International Airport prepares to welcome over 1.3 million passengers this summer

Bdaily News – 20/07/2023

<https://bdaily.co.uk/articles/2023/07/20/newcastle-international-airport-prepares-to-welcome-over-13-million-passengers-this-summer>

This UK airport has been named one of Europe's least stressful

Timeout – 18/07/2023

<https://www.timeout.com/uk/news/this-uk-airport-has-been-named-one-of-europes-least-stressful-071823>

Healthy eating outlet Soul + Grain opens at Newcastle Airport

Passenger Terminal Today – 24/07/2023

<https://www.passengerterminaltoday.com/news/food-beverage/healthy-eating-outlet-soul-grain-opens-at-newcastle-airport.html>

Southampton

Southampton Airport drop-off price sees largest UK increase

Great British Life – 24/07/2023

<https://www.greatbritishlife.co.uk/travel/23653701.southampton-airport-drop-off-price-sees-largest-uk-increase/>

Southampton Airport recognised for disabled and less mobile passenger services

Portsmouth News – 21/07/2023

<https://www.portsmouth.co.uk/news/transport/southampton-airport-recognised-for-disabled-and-less-mobile-passenger-services-4227561>

Teesside

Teesside Airport welcomes holidaymakers for its busiest day

Northern Echo – 23/07/2023

<https://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/23673944.teesside-airport-welcomes-holidaymakers-busiest-day/>

Teesside Airport revamp proves successful

Bdaily – 20/07/2023

<https://bdaily.co.uk/articles/2023/07/20/teesside-airport-revamp-proves-successful>