

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>

PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

AOA Magazine – Spring 2023 Edition

<https://www.aoa.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/AOA-Airport-Operator-Magazine-Spring-2023.pdf>

Optimizing Airport Operations: The Role of Airport Ground Handling

Aerospace Aviation News – 08/05/2023

<https://aerospace-aviation-news.blogspot.com/2023/05/optimizing-airport-operations-role-of.html?m=1>

How the tax system distorts the travel industry

IEA – 10/05/2023

<https://iea.org.uk/how-the-tax-system-distorts-the-travel-industry/>

A paradigm change for aircraft separations on departure

NATS Blog – 05/05/2023

CAP2546: UK CAA Drone tracker survey 2023



CAA – 05/04/2023

<https://publicapps.caa.co.uk/modalapplication.aspx?appid=11&mode=detail&id=12116>

GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA

'We are seeing the economy bounce back' - Gatwick Diamond chairman positive after latest announcements from Gatwick Airport and what it means for local businesses

Sussex Express – 26/04/2023

<https://www.sussexexpress.co.uk/business/we-are-seeing-the-economy-bounce-back-gatwick-diamond-chairman-positive-after-latest-announcements-from-gatwick-airport-and-what-it-means-for-local-businesses-4119262>

Marcos meets with Gatwick Airport officials in UK

Manila Bulletin – 06/05/2023

<https://mb.com.ph/2023/5/5/marcos-arrives-in-uk-meets-gatwick-airport-officials>

Air Transat to up Canada summer services from Gatwick

Travel Weekly – 04/05/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/air-transat-to-up-canada-summer-services-from-gatwick>

General Headlines

IATA chief condemns 'irresponsible' travel strikes

Travel Weekly – 04/05/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/iata-chief-condemns-irresponsible-travel-strikes>

Worst UK airport for delays revealed – check the full ranking

Independent – 12/05/2023

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/airport-uk-delays-worst-best-birmingham-b2335389.html>

Ryanair orders 300 new Boeing 737 Max-10s in a deal worth £32bn as it bids to double passenger numbers and create 10,000 jobs

This is Money – 09/05/2023

<https://www.thisismoney.co.uk/money/markets/article-12064007/Ryanair-orders-300-new-Boeing-737-Max-10-aircrafts.html>



Hypersonic plane startup Destinus promises Europe to Australia flights in just 4 hours

Evening Standard – 09/05/2023

<https://www.standard.co.uk/tech/hypersonic-plane-startup-destinus-europe-flights-australia-b1079015.html>

Transatlantic Air Race for the Coronation - How Flying Has Changed Since the 1950s

OAG – 04/05/2023

https://www.oag.com/blog/coronation-how-flying-changed-since-1950s?utm_medium=email&hsmi=256958994&hsenc=p2ANqtz--pzTCtqHHfv0jgiGHRKav22ZzqlnWutGVpK2HmQK-SjY2agdYWBizlSSKskyOc_PdIZHHuXzIAlupMV8_D5QbcDu00JA&utm_content=256958994&utm_source=hs_email

Passenger news

The New Distribution Capability (NDC) Journey: Redefining Airline Commerce

OAG – 05/04/2023

https://www.oag.com/blog/new-distribution-capability-airline-commerce?utm_medium=email&hsmi=257117358&hsenc=p2ANqtz-8EuNA-WEnPXF57Z0f95MO-yXPd5hWh2aLQ8ZICa_HI5vFcyN5ER4W3rCBYBkjTAYVSKtpiguSJQtPFUpkVLqrCeg0A&utm_content=257117358&utm_source=hs_email

Industry news

Advanced Air Mobility challenge

CAA – May 2023

<https://www.caa.co.uk/our-work/innovation/advanced-air-mobility-challenge/>

ABTA rejects former member's criticism of Covid-era decisions

Travel Weekly – 05/05/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/tour-operators/abta-rejects-former-members-criticism-of-covid-era-decisions>

Comment: Did ABTA do right by members during the pandemic?

Travel Weekly – 05/05/2023



<https://travelweekly.co.uk/in-depth/comment/comment-did-abta-do-right-by-members-during-the-pandemic>

Environmental news

How we're helping enable improvements in aviation's sustainability

CAA – 28/04/2023

<https://www.caa.co.uk/blogs/how-we-re-helping-enable-improvements-in-aviation-s-sustainability/>

Helping the UK be at the forefront of the next aviation revolution

CAA – 03/05/2023

<https://www.caa.co.uk/blogs/helping-the-uk-be-at-the-forefront-of-the-next-aviation-revolution/>

Ryanair agrees green fuel supply deal in Spain and Portugal

Travel Weekly – 04/05/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/ryanair-agrees-green-fuel-supply-deal-in-spain-and-portugal>

OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Aberdeen

Aberdeen Airport among the cheapest in the UK for parking according to new research

Aberdeen Live – 05/05/2023

<https://www.aberdeenlive.news/news/aberdeen-news/aberdeen-airport-among-cheapest-uk-8417447>

Belfast City

Belfast City Airport's special evening for autistic children to take place next weekend

Belfast Live – 09/05/2023

<https://www.belfastlive.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/belfast-city-airports-special-evening-26874163>

Aer Lingus Regional commences Belfast City – Jersey service

Aviation 24 – 09/05/2023

<https://www.aviation24.be/airlines/international-airlines-group-iag/aer-lingus/regional-commences-belfast-city-jersey-service/>



Birmingham

Birmingham Airport hits back as it's named 'worst in UK' for flight delays

Birmingham Live – 09/05/2023

<https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/birmingham-airport-hits-back-its-26872804>

Star comment: Airport needs to up reliability for passengers

Express & Star – 09/05/2023

<https://www.expressandstar.com/news/voices/star-comment/2023/05/09/star-comment-airport-needs-to-up-reliability-for-passengers/>

Bristol

Bristol Airport Action Network oppose all UK airport expansion plans

MNR Journal – 07/05/2023

<https://www.mnrjournal.co.uk/news/planning/bristol-airport-action-network-oppose-all-uk-airport-expansion-plans-612423>

TUI launch 2024 summer programme from Bristol Airport

North Somerset Times – 08/05/2023

<https://www.northsomersettimes.co.uk/news/23500954.tui-launch-2024-summer-programme-bristol-airport/>

Bristol Airport begins solar farm project on airfield as part of 'net zero' plans

Business Live – 10/05/2023

<https://www.business-live.co.uk/economic-development/bristol-airport-begins-solar-farm-26882885>

Doncaster Sheffield

Doncaster Sheffield Airport: New update issued by council over planning protection, lease with Peel and Civil Aviation Authority airspace agreement

Yorkshire Post – 05/05/2023

<https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/politics/doncaster-sheffield-airport-new-update-issued-by-council-over-planning-protection-lease-with-peel-and-civil-aviation-authority-airspace-agreement-4131562>

East Midlands

East Midlands Airport has shortest flight delays in UK



Nottingham Post – 09/05/2023

<https://www.nottinghampost.com/news/local-news/east-midlands-airport-shortest-flight-8424303>

Edinburgh

Edinburgh Airport Aiming For US Pre-Clearance In the Next Two Years

Simple Flying – 07/05/2023

<https://simpleflying.com/edinburgh-airport-aiming-us-pre-clearance-next-two-years/>

Edinburgh airport seeks to avert summer strike threat

Travel Weekly – 03/05/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/edinburgh-airport-seeks-to-avert-summer-strike-threat>

Glasgow

Labour leader calls for new routes in Glasgow Airport visit

Glasgow Times – 09/05/2023

<https://www.glasgowtimes.co.uk/news/scottish-news/23508146.labour-leader-calls-new-routes-glasgow-airport-visit/>

Strike threat at Glasgow Airport as 'summer of travel chaos' looms over 'poverty' pay offers

Glasgow Live – 09/05/2023

<https://www.glasgowlive.co.uk/news/glasgow-news/strike-threat-glasgow-airport-summer-26873857>

Glasgow Airport not yet returned to pre-pandemic capacity, bosses say

Planet Radio – 09/05/2023

<https://planetradio.co.uk/clyde/local/news/glasgow-airport-covid-capacity/>

Glasgow Prestwick

Interest in sale of Prestwick Airport but no 'going offers' on table, MSPs told

Yahoo – 10/05/2023

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/interest-sale-prestwick-airport-no-110009396.html>



Leeds Bradford

Leeds Bradford completes inaugural TUI flight to Dubrovnik

The Stray Ferret – 05/05/2023

<https://thestrayferret.co.uk/leeds-bradford-completes-inaugural-flight-to-dubrovnik/>

London Heathrow

Heathrow blames tourist tax for empty shops as M&S chairman slams levy

Telegraph – 08/05/2023

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/business/2023/05/08/heathrow-blames-tourist-tax-for-empty-shops-as-ms-chairman/>

Heathrow Airport operating contingency plans as security guards go on strike

ITV – 04/05/2023

<https://www.itv.com/news/london/2023-05-04/heathrow-airport-operating-contingency-plans-as-security-guards-go-on-strike>

United Airlines aims for Heathrow green fuel supply this year

Travel Weekly – 05/05/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/united-airlines-aims-for-heathrow-green-fuel-supply-this-year>

West Ham score visit to Heathrow control tower

NATS Blog – 09/05/2023

London Luton

09/05/2023 - Planning Inspectorate invites comments on proposals for sustainable long-term growth of London Luton Airport

Luton Council – 09/05/2023

<https://m.luton.gov.uk/Page/Show/news/Pages/Planning-Inspectorate-invites-comments-on-proposals-for-sustainable-long-term-growth-of-London-Luton-Airport.aspx?redirectToMobile=True>

Luton Airport: Calls for flight path changes to be abandoned

BBC – 06/05/2023

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-cambridgeshire-65188221>

Riding London Luton Airport's New DART Shuttle: What's It Like?

Simple Flying – 09/05/2023



<https://simpleflying.com/london-luton-airport-dart-shuttle-guide/>

London Southend

'Detailed discussions' underway to bring back flights between Jersey and Southend

ITV – 10/05/2023

<https://www.itv.com/news/channel/2023-05-10/airport-bosses-in-discussions-to-bring-back-jersey-southend-flights>

London Southend Airport restarts easyJet flights to Palma de Mallorca

Essex Magazine – 07/05/2023

<https://www.essexmagazine.co.uk/2023/05/london-southend-airport-restarts-easyjet-flights-to-palma-de-mallorca/>

London Stansted

Ryanair launches 6 new London Stansted Airport routes for summer 2023

My London – 08/05/2023

<https://www.mylondon.news/lifestyle/travel/ryanair-launches-6-new-london-26834201>

Manchester

Manchester airport plans 27 more shops and restaurants

Travel Weekly – 04/05/2023

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/manchester-airport-plans-27-more-shops-and-restaurants>

Manchester Airport has the 'UK's best food'... apparently

Manchester Evening News – 05/05/2023

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/whats-on/food-drink-news/manchester-airport-uks-best-food-26835045>

Newcastle

Jet2 announces a brand-new route from Newcastle International Airport to Northern Italy

Newcastle World – 10/05/2023

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<https://www.newcastleworld.com/lifestyle/travel/jet2-announces-a-brand-new-route-from-newcastle-international-airport-to-northern-italy-4136507>

Teeside

Teesside Airport celebrates “fantastic figures” as new holiday flights take off

Bdaily – 09/05/2023

<https://bdaily.co.uk/articles/2023/05/09/teesside-airport-celebrates-fantastic-figures-as-new-holiday-flights-take-off>