



Gatwick Airport Consultative Committee

## **GATCOM NEWSLETTER MAY 2021**

### **LIVE CONSULTATIONS**

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

Closing date: PART ONE - 03/03/2021 PART TWO (Q13 ONWARDS) – **EXTENDED deadline of 3 September 2021.**

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

#### **Crawley Borough Council Consultation: Crawley Submission draft Local Plan**

Closing date extended: **28/05/21**

<https://crawley.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/local-plan/local-plan-review>

#### **HM Treasury: Consultation on aviation tax reform**

Closing date: **14/06/2021**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-aviation-tax-reform>

### **NEW PUBLICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **CAA Traffic Data – March 2021**

[Air Traffic Movements](#)

[Passenger Throughput](#)

#### **AEF Newsletter: International Aviation To Be Included In UK Carbon Budgets And Airports' Cumulative Impacts**

Aviation Environment Federation 04/05/21

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2021/05/04/aef-newsletter-international-aviation-to-be-included-in-uk-carbon-budgets-and-airports-cumulative-impacts/>

#### **Future Approach to Foreign Travel Advice.**

ABTA and Airlines UK Press Release - 06/05/21

<https://www.abta.com/news/abta-and-airlines-uk-highlight-need-clarity-future-approach-foreign-travel-advice>

#### **Economic regulation of Gatwick: Final decision**

CAA 06/05/21

<https://publicapps.caa.co.uk/modalapplication.aspx?appid=11&mode=detail&id=10421>

#### **Transport Secretary's statement on coronavirus: Friday 7 May 2021**

DfT 10/05/2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/transport-secretarys-statement-on-coronavirus-friday-7-may-2021>

**Passenger COVID-19 charter: Passenger rights, responsibilities and reasonable expectations for travel while coronavirus (COVID-19) measures remain in place.**

DfT guidance 17/05/2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/passenger-covid-19-charter>

**Great British Railways: The Williams-Shapps Plan for Rail**

Gov.uk May 2021

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/987752/gbr-williams-shapps-plan-for-rail.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/987752/gbr-williams-shapps-plan-for-rail.pdf)

**Airport and Ground Operations Support Scheme - financial assistance to the aviation industry: Notification of the Airport and Ground Operators Support Scheme, which gives funding to airports and airport ground crews affected by COVID-19**

DfT 20/05/2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/airport-and-ground-operations-support-scheme-financial-assistance-to-the-aviation-industry>

**Travel behaviour, attitudes and social impact of COVID-19: Study into the travel behaviour of people during and following the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic**

DfT 26/05/2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-travel-behaviour-during-the-lockdown>

## **GAL PRESS RELEASES, EVENTS AND UPDATES**

Released 07/05/21 - Statement from Gatwick's CEO, Stewart Wingate, regarding the latest international travel update. Also included is a statement from Gatwick's majority shareholder VINCI Concessions.

**Stewart Wingate, CEO, Gatwick:** *"Confirmation that international travel is to restart is very welcome news after what has undoubtedly been the most difficult period in the airport's history. We are particularly pleased to hear that Portugal is on the green travel list and we will have regular flights from Gatwick from 17<sup>th</sup> May allowing people to reunite with friends and family or enjoy an early Summer break. However, as soon as vaccination and infection rates make it safe to do so, we need more countries regularly added to the green list if the airport and our supply chains are to rebuild and protect as many jobs as possible.*

*"We look forward to welcoming back more passengers and can reassure them that we and our airlines are very well prepared to safely welcome back passengers in large numbers and have a significant range of social distancing, hygiene and testing provisions in place right across the airport campus. As the Government has warned while queue time may be longer at the border due to extra health checks, we will do all that we can to help ensure these are kept to a minimum including our ongoing trialling of the use of e-gates. We will also continue to work with Border Force to ensure they make as much resource available to ensure passengers do not have a disrupted journey arriving into the UK. We hope people feel increasingly confident to book flights to see relatives, take a well-deserved holiday or travel on business."*

Nicolas Notebaert, CEO of VINCI Concessions and Chairman of VINCI Airports, said:  
"Reconnecting two major countries on the European continent is very good news. By recovering, the tourist economy will support employment and growth. We are also very happy to give back to passengers the pleasure of travel, the pleasure of discovering other horizons and other cultures."

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Press release 17/05/21

**Gatwick reaction to restart of international travel**

**Stewart Wingate, Gatwick, CEO, said:** *"We're looking forward to welcoming our passengers back in larger numbers from today, now that we have some certainty and people can start thinking about reuniting with loved ones and friends, or having a long awaited, well-deserved holiday in the sun."*

*"It's going to be a slow, steady start but we expect more destinations will be added to the Green list as soon as it is safe to do so and as people feel increasingly confident and excited about planning a trip this Summer."*

*"Passengers planning their journey can still expect the same level of enjoyment at the airport with bars, restaurants and shops open. Passengers should however make sure they have all the right test or vaccination paperwork required for their destination, check that their passport is valid and that they fully understand what is expected at the UK border when they arrive back."*

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Press release 17/05/2021

**Gatwick's strong revival will create the dynamic, connected and innovative business environment necessary to diversify the region's economy**

- Gatwick commits to work with local partners to ensure the region is attractive to emerging economic clusters, including digital, advanced manufacturing and green technologies
- Airport will also support a range of employment, skills, sustainable growth and supply chain initiatives in response to challenges faced in the local area following the pandemic
- New report published today shows airport's revival could generate over 50,000 new jobs and £8.4 billion GVA by 2028 - enough to fund 222,000 primary school places or 70,000 nurses across the region

Gatwick's strong revival is critical to the region's economic recovery and will help create the dynamic, connected and innovative business environment necessary to diversify the region's economy, according to a new report – Gatwick's Economic Value - published today.

Diversifying the region's economy and making it more resilient has become an important objective for several local economic partners following the COVID-19 pandemic.

The [new report](#) by economics consultants, [Lichfields](#), says that a revived Gatwick would support the region's economic diversification by making the area attractive to new and emerging industrial clusters, including digital, advanced manufacturing and green technologies.

In response, Gatwick has today committed to continue to work with its local partners and help the region attract new economic clusters and - given the scale of the challenges facing the area following the pandemic - the airport also committed today to develop a range of employment, skills, sustainable growth and supply chain initiatives that aim to:

- Grow its workforce and – by reviving the airport - support more jobs across the region than ever before
- Provide labour market entry points for young people, including through apprenticeships and graduate programmes, and facilitate training in response to technological innovation in aviation and associated sectors
- Promote a clean, green recovery by building on commitments to reach net zero for the airport's own operations and through involvement in UK industry plans to reach net zero aircraft emissions by 2050
- Ensure the airport's procurement and supply chain spending targets businesses based in the region

**Stewart Wingate, Chief Executive, Gatwick Airport, said:** *"By working together, we can harness the extraordinary benefits the airport delivers to help the region rebuild, diversify and become more resilient following the devastating impact the pandemic has had on jobs, businesses and communities across the local area."*

*"As an airport, we plan to maximise the benefits we provide for local people, communities and businesses through a range of initiatives that focus on skills, employment, sustainability and our extensive supply chains, which support many thousands of jobs across the South East."*

*"We will also continue to work closely with our partners on their ambitious plans to diversify the region's economy. Many established businesses tell us the airport was an important factor in their decision to locate in this region. We want to build on that by making sure the area is once again an attractive, innovative and well-connected place to invest and locate a business."*

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Press release 19/05/21

### **JetBlue set to bring transatlantic travellers low fares, new choices and incredible service as it lands at London Gatwick**

JetBlue today announced it will make its highly anticipated entrance into the transatlantic market with nonstop service between New York's John F. Kennedy international Airport (JFK) and London Gatwick Airport, starting September 29, 2021.

**Stewart Wingate, chief executive officer, Gatwick Airport said:** *"Being able to offer our customers the low cost, high value experience from JetBlue, with daily flights to New York starting in just a few months, is a welcome addition to the choice of airlines and destinations which Gatwick currently has. Equally we look forward to welcoming travellers from the U.S. who are looking for easy, quick access to London, the South of England and beyond. We believe this is a start of an important long-term partnership for us and we look forward adding JetBlue flights to and from Boston next year."*

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### **Noise Exposure Contours for Gatwick Airport 2020**

07/05/21

[https://www.gatwickairport.com/globalassets/publicationfiles/business\\_and\\_community/all\\_publications/aircraft\\_noise/lqw-2020-annual-contours-report.pdf](https://www.gatwickairport.com/globalassets/publicationfiles/business_and_community/all_publications/aircraft_noise/lqw-2020-annual-contours-report.pdf)

## **GATWICK NEWS**

### **Two campaign groups join call to suspend expansion of Gatwick Airport**

Crawley Observer 10/05/2021

<https://www.crawleyobserver.co.uk/news/environment/two-campaign-groups-join-call-to-suspend-expansion-of-gatwick-airport-3231379>

### **Supporting economic growth across the South East: Gatwick's Economic Value Report**

Published 18/05/21 – page links pdf version

<https://www.gatwickairport.com/business-community/community-sustainability/economy/>

### **Gatwick Airport's revival critical to recovery of the region's economy according to new reports**

International Airport Review 18/05/2021

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/159119/gatwick-airport-recovery-economy/>

## **General Manager ATS at Gatwick Airport, W John Ellis spoke to BBC News South East about slowly increasing air traffic levels**

Linked In 18/05/2021

<https://www.linkedin.com/posts/air-navigation-solutions-ltd- covid19-travelrestrictions-anslgatwick-activity-6800430966692229120-e1D6/>

## **VINCI Airports continues its decarbonization actions and reaffirms its objective of achieving net zero emissions throughout its network by 2050**

VINCI Concessions 21/05/2021

<https://www.vinci-concessions.com/en/news/vinci-airports-continues-its-decarbonization-actions-and-reaffirms-its-objective-of-achieving-net-zero-emissions-throughout-its-network-by-2050>

## **Positive mobility to preserve biodiversity**

VINCI Concessions 21/05/2021

<https://www.vinci-concessions.com/en/news/positive-mobility-to-preserve-biodiversity>

## **London Gatwick welcomes JetBlue and a new daily route to JFK**

VINCI Concessions 21/05/2021

<https://www.vinci-concessions.com/en/news/london-gatwick-welcomes-jetblue-and-a-new-daily-route-to-jfk>

## **Wizz Air takes flight again from Gatwick**

TravelMole 24/05/2021

[https://www.travelmole.com/news\\_feature.php?news\\_id=2047245&c=setreg&region=2](https://www.travelmole.com/news_feature.php?news_id=2047245&c=setreg&region=2)

## **Gatwick Engineering releases its first engineering newsletter-Engineering Explorer**

Linked In 24/05/2021

[https://www.linkedin.com/posts/louisa-venables-366286108\\_gatwick-engineering-has-released-its-first-activity-6802584735811022848-CYtz](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/louisa-venables-366286108_gatwick-engineering-has-released-its-first-activity-6802584735811022848-CYtz)

## **London's Gatwick Airport facing an existential threat**

CAPA 26/05/2021

<https://centreforaviation.com/analysis/reports/londons-gatwick-airport-facing-an-existential-threat-560830>

## **Gatwick Airport seeks partner for foreign exchange concession**

Moodie Davitt Report 26/05/2021

<https://www.moodiedavittreport.com/gatwick-airport-seeks-partner-for-foreign-exchange-concession/>

## **Gatwick airport parking: Con man Asad Malik must pay thousands**

The Argus 12/05/2021

<https://www.theargus.co.uk/news/19294781.gatwick-airport-parking-con-man-asad-malik-must-pay-thousands/>

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **Open Letter: Call On Government To Introduce Immediate Moratorium On UK Airport Expansions**

Aviation Environment Federation 13/05/21

<https://www.aef.org.uk/2021/05/13/open-letter-call-on-government-to-introduce-immediate-moratorium-on-uk-airport-expansions/>

### **Meet MONA, VINCI Airports' revolutionary end-to-end biometric assistant**

International Airport Review 22/04/21

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/article/157141/vinci-airports-biometric-assistant/>

## **Cybersecurity risks in aviation: Building a cyber-resilient future**

World Economic Forum 02/05/2021

<https://www.weforum.org/our-impact/we-are-building-a-cyber-resilient-future-for-the-aviation-sector>

**In-Depth Focus on Artificial Intelligence:** explores how airports are using AI to monitor social distancing, predict passenger flows in order to mobilise airport staff, and provide passengers with up-to-date information via a voice and chat bot.

International Airport Review 05/05/2021

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/article/156792/issue-2-in-depth-focus-artificial-intelligence/>

## **How much disruption can a volcanic eruption cause ATC?**

NATS blog 06/05/2021

<https://nats.aero/blog/2021/05/how-much-disruption-can-a-volcanic-eruption-cause-atc/>

## **ABTA responds to Government announcement on international travel restart and traffic light list**

ABTA press release 07/05/21

<https://www.abta.com/news/abta-responds-government-announcement-international-travel-restart-and-traffic-light-list>

## **ABTA in contact with Government over Secretary of State's 'travel agent' comments**

ABTA 10/05/21

<https://www.abta.com/news/abta-contact-government-over-secretary-states-travel-agent-comments>

## **ABTA takes first legal steps to challenge adequacy of government support for travel sector**

ABTA 12/05/21

<https://www.abta.com/news/abta-takes-first-legal-steps-challenge-adequacy-government-support-travel-sector>

## **Government outlines details of NHS app 'Covid passport' usage**

Travel Weekly 11/05/2021

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/nhs-app-to-act-as-vaccine-passport-for-overseas-travel>

## **US airline chiefs add to pressure for transatlantic travel to restart**

The Guardian 11/05/2021

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2021/may/11/us-airline-chiefs-add-to-pressure-for-transatlantic-travel-to-restart>

## **Government withholds data for amber destinations from public**

Travel Weekly 12/05/21

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/government-withholds-data-for-amber-destinations-from-public>

**Ahead of the 17 May restart of international travel, the Airport Operators Association and airport CEOs and Managing Directors have written to the Prime Minister to warn him that the UK's overly cautious approach puts more than 1.5m jobs at risk.**

AOA 13/05/21

<https://www.aoa.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Letter-and-Annex-to-the-Prime-Minister-from-Airports-Re-opening-of-international-travel-final.pdf>

## **British Airways trials 'game-changer' 25-second coronavirus test**

Evening Standard 13/05/2021

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/british-airways-covid-test-25-seconds-travel-pelican-antigen-b934910.html>



## **G7 nations urged to agree common international travel standards**

Travel Weekly 13/05/2021

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/g7-nations-urged-to-agree-common-international-travel-standards>

## **Air traffic management: From crisis to crisis**

International Airport Review 17/05/2021

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/article/158883/air-traffic-management-crisis/>

## **Swiss team finds particle emissions from aircraft turbine engines at ground-idle induce oxidative stress in bronchial cells**

Green Car Congress 17/05/2021

<https://www.greencarcongress.com/2019/05/20190517-empa.html>

## **Foreign Office advice 'the ultimate reference' for travel**

Travel Weekly 19/05/2021

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/foreign-office-advice-the-ultimate-reference-for-travel>

## **New EUROCONTROL Four-Year Forecast finds air traffic not expected to reach 2019 levels until 2024 at earliest**

Eurocontrol 21/05/2021

<https://www.eurocontrol.int/press-release/new-eurocontrol-four-year-forecast-finds-air-traffic-not-expected-reach-2019-levels>

## **EU Treasury Ministers support future tax on fossil aviation fuel (after decades)**

Airport Watch 24/05/2021

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2021/05/eu-treasury-ministers-support-future-tax-on-fossil-aviation-fuel-after-decades/>

## **Weather forecasts could reduce aviation CO2 emissions**

Met Office 25/05/2021

<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/about-us/press-office/news/weather-and-climate/2021/weather-forecasts-could-save-aviation-industry-millions-of-tonnes-of-co2>

## **CAAI and FlyZero announce partnership on zero-carbon emission flight**

CAA International 25/05/2021

<https://caainternational.com/caai-flyzero-partnership/>

## **Plans announced for UK Electronic Travel Authorisation scheme**

TravelMole 25/05/2021

[https://www.travelmole.com/news\\_feature.php?news\\_id=2047265&c=setreg&region=2](https://www.travelmole.com/news_feature.php?news_id=2047265&c=setreg&region=2)

## **Delivering a successful baggage operation during aviation's recovery**

International Airport Review 26/05/2021

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/article/158951/baggage-operation-aviation-recovery/>