

Gatwick Business Update

February 2022

- **Airlines** – during December we welcomed Emirates back to Gatwick, who are operating their A380 aircraft daily to Dubai. We also welcomed Scoot (Singapore Airlines low-cost subsidiary) operating to Bangkok, Eastern Airways operating to Newquay, Jet2.com, Swiss International, Air Malta, and Wizz Air. During Q4 Gatwick had had regular scheduled services operated by 31 airlines, compared with 41 in the same period in 2019 and we look forward to adding more routes and choice for passengers in 2022.
 - Air Transat: From May 2022, Air Transat will introduce a new route between Gatwick and the Canadian city of Quebec. Initially a Summer only service, Air Transat will fly once a week to Canada's largest province with an A321neo aircraft. The service will be the only direct route between Quebec and the United Kingdom, and only the second in Europe after Paris.
 - British Airways has relaunched services to Cancun (22 October). British Airways also plan to commence non-stop services to Doha. BA will operate a daily 777-200 service between Gatwick and the Qatari capital from 9 December. Tickets to 35 destinations are on sale for their new short-haul service from Gatwick starting in late March 2022. Destinations will include the return of Gatwick routes to Faro, Ibiza, Malaga, Marrakech and Tenerife. We'll also see new routes including Athens, Berlin, Madrid, Milan Malpensa and Santorini.
 - Regional airline Eastern Airways launched its daily service to Newquay on 15 December.
 - easyJet plan to operate a fleet of around 80 aircraft in the peak summer months in 2022 which is more aircraft than easyJet operated in 2019.
 - Emirates recommenced flights to Dubai in December, operating daily services. Emirates had initially planned to restart with the 777-300ER,

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however on the easing of travel restrictions by key markets such as Australia, gave them the confidence to operate the A380 instead.

- JetBlue launched their new daily service to New York JFK at the end of September, which generated significant media and public interest. We are working with them to expand their network at Gatwick.
- Jet2 will be basing 2 aircraft at Gatwick this Winter season, focussed on serving seasonal services (notably skiing). We expect close to 300 services being operated across the period end of November, to Mid-April.
- Scoot, a subsidiary of Singapore Airlines, began operating three-times weekly flights to Bangkok on 16 December.
- SunExpress, a joint venture between Lufthansa and Turkish Airlines, will launch two direct connections from London Gatwick to Turkey for the summer season of 2022.
- Popular low-cost airline Wizz also returned to Gatwick in December, with flights to Athens, Malta, Lanzarote and Malaga.

- **Slot Waiver** – the outcome of the Government’s slot waiver consultation was important for Gatwick’s recovery. The Government concluded by setting a minimum usage ratio of 70/30, meaning airlines are required to use their slots at least 70% of the time to retain their historic rights. Gatwick welcomed this “sensible decision” as the return of discipline to airport slot regulations means that consumers will once again benefit from a competitive aviation market, a wider choice of services and a range of airfares to suit different needs.
- **South Terminal** – ST will reopen on Sunday 27 March as Gatwick enters what it expects to be a busy summer season. British Airways’ short-haul routes will return, alongside increased operations from easyJet, Wizz and Vueling.
- **New Jobs** – it is estimated that around 5000 new jobs will be created across the airport’s operation in the first half of the year with the re-opening of the South Terminal. Recruitment would be focussed on the local catchment area.

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- **Runway Resurfacing** – GAL will start a three month project to resurface its main runway and have been through a full tender process for a contractor to undertake this essential work which is due to commence in April.
- **Northern Runway Development Consent Order** – the pre-application consultation on the Northern Runway Project closed on 1 December. GAL is now in the process of analysing feedback in detail. It will take several months for GAL to consider all the comments before starting the process of finalising the environmental statement and the submission to the Planning Inspectorate towards the end of the year.
- **Investment** – Gatwick has partnered with sustainable energy company GRIDSERVE to build Gatwick's first electric forecourt. Available to passengers, staff, commuters, residents and businesses in the local area, the charging station will host a cafe, a comfortable waiting lounge with free WiFi, a convenience supermarket, children's play area and a dedicated electric vehicle showcase. The net zero equivalent to a petrol station will be available in Autumn 2022 and forms part of Gatwick's commitment to reach net-zero carbon emissions for airport operations before 2040.
- **Rail Station** – December 2021 saw Gatwick Station Project start the next major stage of this exciting programme of works. Major building works now begin on the second concourse which is the arriving concourse for Rail passengers at Gatwick Airport. In contrast to the current station entrance concourse, this brand new superstructure will tower above existing platforms, doubling the space for passengers and creating an eyecatching gateway to the airport. This is the latest step of the upgrades currently taking place at the station with plans to create wider platforms and improve pedestrian flow - making journeys from the train to the plane easier, generating a more reliable train service and delivering significant

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benefits for rail users, commuters and airport passengers from across the world. To ensure state-of-the-art accessibility and connections for all passengers, once complete, the station will also have more escalators, lifts and stairs.

- **Sustainability** – Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) has been introduced for the first time at Gatwick through a collaboration between Q8Aviation, easyJet, Gatwick and Neste. This proof-of-concept demonstrates that the existing aviation fuel infrastructure at the airport is ready to utilise certified A1 jet fuel containing sustainable aviation fuel. The first flight using the new fuel blend took off on 19th October to Glasgow and was an important milestone in the race to reduce net carbon emissions from aviation fuel. Of the 42 flights running on this Neste My Sustainable Aviation Fuel blend, 39 were easyJet flights to Glasgow throughout the COP26 Climate Change Conference. In addition, in December 2021 an Eastern Airways' flight from Gatwick to Newquay utilised SAF supplied by Air bp.