

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

DfT consultation: Airport slot allocation system reform

New closing date: 08/03/2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/airport-slot-allocation-system-reform>

PUBLICATIONS & INDUSTRY UPDATES

CAP2622: Wave Twelve: UK Aviation Consumer Survey: Full Survey Report

CAA – 11/01/2024

<https://publicapps.caa.co.uk/modalapplication.aspx?catid=1&pagetype=65&appid=11&mode=detail&id=12529>

Government looks to the future of aviation with new set of aviation ambassadors: Mentors selected to nurture next generation of aviation professionals and 10 schemes to share £750,000 in the Reach for the Sky Challenge Fund

DfT – 15/01/2024

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-looks-to-the-future-of-aviation-with-new-set-of-aviation-ambassadors>

Innovative Airline Operations: Baggage Management

OAG – 11/01/2024

<https://www.oag.com/blog/innovative-airline-operations-baggage-management>

€2 million research project to develop Artificial Intelligence system to improve air travel efficiency

International Airport Review – 16/01/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/195896/e2-million-research-project-to-develop-ai-system-to-improve-air-travel-efficiency/>



GATWICK AIRPORT LIMITED MEDIA RELEASES

Final chance to have your say on proposed project changes to London Gatwick's Northern Runway plan

Gatwick Airport -15/01/2024

<https://www.mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/news/final-chance-to-have-your-say-on-proposed-project-changes-to-london-gatwicks-northern-runway-plan-a582-40f32.html>

GATWICK PRESS AND MEDIA

New Gatwick service to Faroe Islands starts in June

Travel Weekly – 12/01/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/new-gatwick-service-to-faroe-islands-starts-in-june>

GIP, owner of Gatwick and Edinburgh airports, sold to US BlackRock asset management

Airport Watch – 13/01/2024

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2024/01/gip-owner-of-gatwick-and-edinburgh-airports-sold-to-us-blackrock-asset-management/>

General Headlines

Young people leading post-COVID-19 aviation revival, UK Civil Aviation Authority finds

International Airport Review – 12/01/2024

<https://www.internationalairportreview.com/news/191871/young-people-leading-post-covid-19-aviation-revival-uk-civil-aviation-authority-finds/>

E-Passport gates: UK airports announce new rules for arriving passengers to speed up journeys

National World – 15/01/2024

<https://www.nationalworld.com/lifestyle/travel/e-passport-gates-uk-airports-new-rules-arriving-passengers-speed-up-journeys-4478355>

'Aviation ambassadors' to encourage young people to join sector

Travel Weekly – 15/01/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/aviation-ambassadors-to-encourage-young-people-to-join-sector>



Analysis: Two flight incidents raise airline safety concerns

Travel Weekly – 11/01/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/in-depth/special-reports/analysis-two-flight-incidents-raise-airline-safety-concerns>

Boeing to increase quality inspections of 737 Max production

BBC – 15/01/2024

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-67984035>

Passenger news

A third of UK air passengers suffered delays or cancellations in 2023

Independent – 16/01/2024

<https://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/uk-flight-cancellations-delays-2023-b2479292.html>

EU Regulation on Flights: Everything You Need to Know

Travel Mag – 11/01/2024

<https://www.travelmag.co.uk/2024/01/eu-regulation-on-flights-everything-you-need-to-know/>

Industry news

UK Civil Aviation Authority announces new Director of People and Culture

CAA – 15/01/2024

<https://www.caa.co.uk/newsroom/news/uk-civil-aviation-authority-announces-new-director-of-people-and-culture/>

Environmental news

NGOs write to aviation Minister, asking that public money is NOT used for SAF research and development

Airport Watch – 13/01/2024

<https://www.airportwatch.org.uk/2024/01/ngos-write-to-aviation-minister-asking-that-public-money-is-not-used-for-saf-research-and-development/>



OTHER UKACCS MEMBER AIRPORTS

Belfast City

Details as Belfast City Airport firefighter apprenticeship opens for applications

Belfast Live – 11/01/2024

<https://www.belfastlive.co.uk/news/belfast-news/details-belfast-city-airport-firefighter-28423324>

Birmingham

'Inflationary costs' drive up Birmingham Airport security hall re-build by millions of pounds

Birmingham Mail – 16/01/2024

<https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/inflationary-costs-drive-up-birmingham-28448302>

Doncaster Sheffield

Doncaster Sheffield Airport: Mayor wants it to reopen 'as soon as humanly possible'

Yorkshire Post – 15/01/2024

<https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/politics/doncaster-sheffield-airport-mayor-wants-it-to-reopen-as-soon-as-humanly-possible-4479483>

East Midlands

This major English airport is getting a £120 million makeover

Time Out – 12/01/2024

<https://www.timeout.com/uk/news/this-major-english-airport-is-getting-a-120-million-makeover-011224>

Aircraft noise impacts over Rushcliffe from East Midlands Airport flights to be considered at council meeting

West Bridgford Wire – 13/01/2024

<https://westbridgfordwire.com/aircraft-noise-impacts-over-rushcliffe-from-east-midlands-airport-flights-to-be-considered-at-council-meeting/>



East Midlands December Performance

Aviation Source News – 14/01/2024

<https://aviationsourcenews.com/airline/east-midlands-december-performance/>

Edinburgh

Edinburgh Airport quietly sold off in £9.8 billion deal

Daily Record – 13/01/2024

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/edinburgh-airport-quietly-sold-98-31875641>

Farnborough

March To Farnborough Airport

Christian Climate Action – 10/01/2024

<https://christianclimateaction.org/2024/01/10/march-to-farnborough-airport/>

Glasgow

Glasgow Airport security: Does the 100ml liquid rule apply?

Glasgow Times – 11/01/2024

<https://www.glasgowtimes.co.uk/news/24043474.glasgow-airport-security-100ml-liquid-rule-apply/>

Liverpool

Liverpool John Lennon Airport opens sensory space near departure lounge

BBC – 16/01/2024

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-merseyside-67995043>

Jet2 prepares for launch from Liverpool with seven weekly services to Mallorca

Majorca Daily Bulletin – 13/01/2024

<https://www.majorcadailybulletin.com/news/local/2024/01/13/120365/jet2-prepares-for-launch.html>



London Heathrow

Night flights at Heathrow have 'catastrophic effect' on residents and should be banned, says MP

The Standard – 15/01/2024

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/transport/heathrow-airport-overnight-flight-ban-sarah-olney-b1132402.html#:~:text=Night%20flights%20at%20Heathrow%20have,should%20be%20banned%2C%20says%20MP&text=A%20London%20MP%20has%20made,“roar%20of%20jet%20engines>

Progress on new Heathrow Airport rail link stalls as it 'must be value for money'

My London – 11/01/2024

<https://www.mylondon.news/news/transport/progress-new-heathrow-airport-rail-28423811>

More Heathrow shareholders plan to sell stakes alongside Ferrovial

FT – 16/01/2024

<https://www.ft.com/content/2cebd6e9-4667-4141-8beb-43f5feec1a9f>

Analysis: Breaking Down London Heathrow Airport's Passengers In 2023 By Regional Markets

Simple Flying – 15/01/2024

<https://simpleflying.com/london-heathrow-airport-passengers-regional-markets-analysis/>

Ranked: The 24 Heathrow Routes That Had Over a Million Passengers in 2023

Skift – 11/01/2024

<https://skift.com/2024/01/11/ranked-the-24-heathrow-routes-that-had-over-a-million-passengers-in-2023/>

Heathrow passenger numbers up 29% last year

Independent – 11/01/2024

<https://www.independent.co.uk/business/heathrow-passenger-numbers-up-29-last-year-b2476852.html>

London Luton

London Luton Airport Handles 16.2m Passengers in 2023

Aviation Source News – 13/01/2024

<https://aviationsourcenews.com/airport/london-luton-airport-handles-16-2m-passengers-in-2023/>



London Southend

London Southend Airport appeal for Noise Forum members ahead of summer passenger growth

Essex Magazine – 10/01/2024

<https://www.essexmagazine.co.uk/2024/01/london-southend-airport-appeal-for-noise-forum-members-ahead-of-summer-passenger-growth/>

London Stansted

TouchPoint Stansted: Community group awarded £50,000 flagship grant from Stansted Airport Community Fund with support from MP Kemi Badenoch

Bishop's Stortford Independent – 16/01/2024

<https://www.bishopsstortfordindependent.co.uk/news/touchpoint-stansted-benefits-from-50k-airport-handout-9348827/>

Stansted sets record with two million passengers in December

Braintree & Witham Times – 14/01/2024

<https://www.braintreeandwithamtimes.co.uk/news/24042959.stansted-sets-record-two-million-passengers-december/>

Praise for airport volunteers who helped Ukrainians

BBC – 11/01/2024

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cy9eedvn2e8o>

Manchester

Manchester airport records busiest December ever

Travel Weekly – 11/01/2024

<https://travelweekly.co.uk/news/air/manchester-airport-records-busiest-december-ever>

Newcastle

Passengers feared they would miss flights due to 'shambolic' security queue at Newcastle Airport

Gazette Live – 15/01/2024

<https://www.gazettelive.co.uk/news/teesside-news/passengers-feared-would-miss-flights-28448543>