

LONDON GATWICK AIRSPACE & NOISE

Airspace Fayre

1 October 2025 | 15:00 – 18:00

Summary Note

The Airspace Fayre, London Gatwick's annual public meeting, took place in person, at the London Gatwick STEM Centre. The event included industry, regulator, and air navigation service provider representatives, along with our airline and industry colleagues. Stands included NATS; London Gatwick's Airspace Office; easyJet; London Gatwick's Airfield Transformation Programme Lead; Sustainable Aviation; and our Noise Management Board's Expert Advisory Group. On hand throughout the event were Rolls Royce, and Egis, London Gatwick's Noise Management Board Programme Steering Group team. The event began with a keynote address from Chief Operating Officer, Mark Johnston, who provided an overview of the airport's activity and achievements over the previous year.

Rebecca Mian, London Gatwick's Programme Manager for Noise Management, welcomed attendees and hosted proceedings throughout the event.

Stands

NATS, the UK's air navigation service provider, talking about UK and international airspace constraints.

London Gatwick's Airspace Office showcased the community endorsed Airline Noise Performance Table and the interactive WebTrak flight tracking and noise tool.

easyJet showed attendees around various parts of an aircraft, providing a flight simulator, and an interactive demonstration of the UK's current flightpaths.

Gavin Sillitto, London Gatwick's Airfield Transformation Programme Lead demonstrating how Eurocontrol's Airport Collaborative Decision-Making programme has helped improve on time performance.

Sustainable Aviation showcased the recently refreshed and republished Quieter Roadmap.

London Gatwick Noise Management Board's Expert Advisory Group shared their various expertise on airspace, air traffic and flight ops, and non-acoustic factors, as well as providing information on the latest work to come out of the Noise Management Board.

Keynote Speech

Mark Johnston, London Gatwick's Chief Operating Officer, opened the event by providing an overview of operational success and improvements; airline operations and networks; the Northern Runway project; On Time Performance, Time-Based Separation, and Smart Stand innovation; and the Noise Management Board.



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Key Points:

- welcomed over 5000 young people to the STEM Centre since it opened
- significantly improved on-time Performance
- hit 100% of service metrics – with 98% of passengers getting through security in under 5 mins
- this follows a £60m investment to become fully compliant in new next generation screening technology – improving both security and the experience
- secured the top CAA rating (Very Good) for special assistance services, having helped over 800,000 passengers needing assistance in 2024, meeting approx. 99% of arriving passengers within the required timeframe
- more airlines (58) than ever before, helping to provide the UK with a gateway to global trading markets, including:
 - o more than 50 long haul flights per week to the Middle East
 - o 39 flights per week to Africa
 - o 36 flights per week to China
 - o only direct connections to emerging markets in Uganda and Kenya
- Wizz Air's new XLR aircraft introduced, which are new, more efficient versions of the Airbus A321
- become the world's first single runway airport to introduce time-based separation for arriving aircraft; a system, which safely reduces gaps between aircraft, and is forecast to help minimise delays and disruption and, by reducing the time aircraft spend holding, reduce emissions (97,000 reduced holding forecast – saving carbon between 11,000 and 19,000tns)
- joined the pan-European air traffic network, which transmits real time information on our departures to EUROCONTROL helping to significantly improve the efficiency, predictability and resilience of airport operations
- the Noise Management Board is making great strides in its first year, in a positive, collaborative environment, where everyone can raise concerns, views and guide projects. Members have also learned more about key topics through additional briefings held by subject matter experts

Thank you to all those who attended the London Gatwick Airspace Fayre 2025, and a special thanks to those who participated, as well as industry experts who came along and made themselves available for discussions throughout the event.

We look forward to seeing you next year.

Dr Rebecca Mian, and the London Gatwick Airspace & Noise team