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BAA Gatwick appoints new GATCOM Chairman.

BAA Gatwick has appointed a new Chairman of the Gatwick Airport Consultative Committee (GATCOM), to succeed Peter Bryant on his retirement in summer 2007. Dr John Godfrey will spend time as Chairman Designate, working with Peter over the next year.

GATCOM is an independent body, which exists to ensure free and open communication between and to balance the needs of the airport, the airport's local communities and environmental and economic interests in the area. The committee is made up of stakeholders including local authorities from around the airport, chambers of commerce, consumer groups such as the Consumers' Association, trade bodies such as Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA), British Air Transport Association (BATA), International Air Carriers Association (IACA); CADIA the business association for Sussex and Surrey and the airline industry.

Dr Godfrey is currently Clerk to the Sussex Police Authority and has been involved in local government in Sussex for more than thirty years, with particular interests in planning and environmental issues. He is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, a trustee of the Weald and Downland Open Air Museum at Singleton, near Chichester and a member of the National Trust's Regional Committee for South East England.

Married with three grown-up sons, Dr Godfrey lives in Arundel.

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