

# London Night Ops: What's Changing This Summer

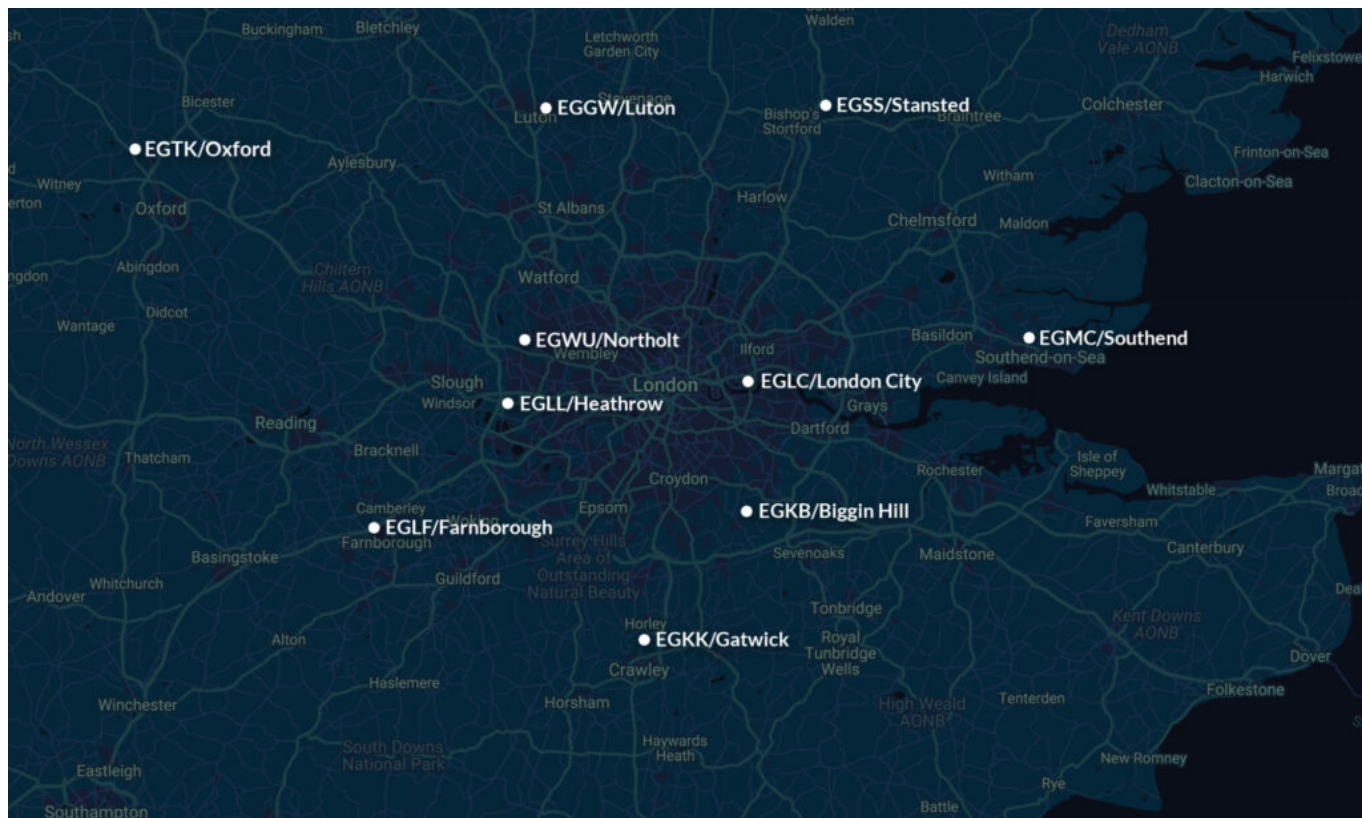
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## Key Points

- **EGGW/Luton will allow a limited number of BizAv night slots this summer (14 Jun - 17 Sep), a rare exception linked to upcoming runway works.**
- **EGSS/Stansted now has only 10 BizAv night slots per week, shared between all FBOs, available until the end of October (unless extended).**
- **EGWU/Northolt will have restricted civilian ops hours in Jun, Jul and Aug due to control tower works impacting ATC staffing, with no weekend flying at all in Jul and Aug.**
- **EGMC/Southend is not available H24. It operates daily from 0600 to 0130 local time, with no night operations permitted - including for QC1 or quieter aircraft.**

Unlike previous summers, EGGW/Luton is making a one-off exception this year by allowing a small number of BizAv night slots, to help manage capacity during upcoming runway works. However, availability is extremely limited, slots are tightly controlled, and subject to withdrawal if airline delays eat into the night hours. EGMC/Southend is no longer a viable late-night option. It now operates strictly between 0600 and 0130 local time, with no movements allowed outside those hours - regardless of aircraft noise level.



*All times shown below are local time!*

## **EGLL/Heathrow & EGKK/Gatwick**

Slots for bizav flights are almost never issued at night, as there is a noise quota system in place between 2300-0700. There might be a few daytime slots available – best bet is to contact a local handler and they will try to sort you out. There's only one FBO at these airports, both Signature: [Ihr@signatureflight.co.uk](mailto:Ihr@signatureflight.co.uk) and [Igw@signatureflight.co.uk](mailto:Igw@signatureflight.co.uk)

## **EGGW/Luton**

There's a change to night operations this summer. **The airport will allow a limited number of night slots for BizAv.** Between 14 Jun – 17 Sep, up to 100 ad-hoc night slots will be granted for flights between 2300-0659 local time, but only for quieter aircraft. Best to check with your local handler whether your aircraft qualifies. These slots are shared across all operators and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. This is a one-off exception, linked to upcoming runway works. Slots will be tightly controlled and may be withdrawn if airline delays push into night hours. A few different FBOs to choose from:

Signature: [ltl@signatureflight.co.uk](mailto:ltl@signatureflight.co.uk)  
 Harrods: [ltl@signatureflight.co.uk](mailto:ltl@signatureflight.co.uk)

## **EGSS/Stansted**

After a full ban on BizAv night slots between 2300-0600 local time from June 1 to Sep 30, limited availability has now returned. Local FBOs confirm that just 10 night slots per week in total are being allocated, shared between all handlers at Stansted. This arrangement is in place until the end of October, though it may be extended through April 2026 before further summer restrictions are reintroduced. A few different FBOs to choose from:

Inflite Jet Centre: [operations@inflite.co.uk](mailto:operations@inflite.co.uk)  
 Universal: [uk@universalaviation.aero](mailto:uk@universalaviation.aero)

Harrods: [stnops@harrodsaviation.com](mailto:stnops@harrodsaviation.com) (Harrods operate two FBOs here: *The Knightsbridge* and *The Brompton*)

### **EGLC/London City**

Open: 0630-2130 weekdays, 0630-1230 Sat and 1230-2130 Sun. There are slots available between these times. [jetcentre@londoncityairport.com](mailto:jetcentre@londoncityairport.com) are who you need to speak to for handling and slot assistance there.

### **EGTK/London Oxford**

Open: 0630-2230 and up to 2359 on request, seven days a week.

The thing you probably want to know about Oxford is while it takes just over an hour to drive to London, making it the furthest away of all the "London" airports, it also charges much less in handling fees. You can contact the FBO at [ops@londonoxfordairport.com](mailto:ops@londonoxfordairport.com)

### **EGLF/Farnborough**

Open: 0700-2200 weekdays, 0800-2000 weekends – but no extensions possible. Farnborough is a dedicated business aviation airport and can be contacted at [ops@farnboroughairport.com](mailto:ops@farnboroughairport.com)

### **EGKB/Biggin Hill**

Open: 0630-2300 weekdays, 0800-2200 weekends. On UK bank holidays, weekend hours apply. Biggin Hill is one to consider for smaller corporate and charter operations. A dedicated bizav airport, only 12 miles outside of central London, and no slots required. A couple of FBOs to choose from:

Executive Handling: [handling@bigginhillairport.com](mailto:handling@bigginhillairport.com)

Jetex: [fbo-bqh@jetex.com](mailto:fbo-bqh@jetex.com)

### **EGWU/Northolt**

Normally open: Monday to Friday 0800-2000, Sat 0800-1500 and Sun 1200-1900. So not great for night flights, but pretty handy otherwise as Northolt is one of the closest GA-accessible airports to central London, as well as the closest airport to EGLL/Heathrow (8 miles away). **But this summer (Jun through Aug), opening hours for civilian ops are being restricted due to infrastructure works at the control tower impacting ATC staffing.**

In Jun, ops are limited to Monday to Friday 0800-1800 and Sunday 1000-1700 local time, with Saturday fully closed. In Jul and Aug, weekday hours return to 0800-2000, but there will be no weekend flying at all, as the airport will be open for military traffic only. Any bookings outside these hours will need to be moved or cancelled.

Bear in mind it's a dual use military/civil airport, so you'll need PPR, but they're normally quite quick to approve this.

Universal is the FBO here: [northolt@universalaviation.aero](mailto:northolt@universalaviation.aero). Check here for more info.

### **EGMC/Southend**

**Open daily from 0600 to 0130 local time.** No operations including for QC1 or quieter aircraft are permitted outside of these hours. Extensions are not possible and night operations are not allowed under any circumstances.

You can contact London Southend Jet Centre FBO here: [ops@londonsjc.com](mailto:ops@londonsjc.com)

## **EGBB/Birmingham**

*Correct, not a London airport!* Just a bonus one for you, because outside of all those listed above, this is probably the next closest airport to London that is open at night. Two FBO options here, both open H24 – but night time operations are available on request and subject to additional out-of-hours fees:

XLR Executive Jet Centre: [jetcentre@xlrbermingham.com](mailto:jetcentre@xlrbermingham.com)

Signature: [bxh@signatureflight.co.uk](mailto:bhx@signatureflight.co.uk)

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