



LIVERPOOL JOHN LENNON AIRPORT AIRSPACE CHANGE PROPOSAL

[STATEMENT]

As part of '*Stage 3 – Consult*' of the CAP1616 airspace change process, the UK Civil Aviation Authority has completed a Consult Gateway Assessment of Liverpool John Lennon Airport's airspace change proposal (ACP).

In order for the CAA to allow an ACP to pass through the Consult Gateway, the change sponsor must have:

- produced a consultation strategy
- produced appropriate and effective consultation documents and supporting materials
- produced a Full options appraisal (phase II)

In our Gateway Assessment, the CAA concluded that the clarity within the documentation did not meet the requirements of CAP1616 Appendix C. Therefore, it is our view that there is a risk that stakeholders without the necessary technical expertise could either misunderstand or fail to appreciate the impact of the proposed changes.

The Civil Aviation Authority has informed the change sponsor of this decision and provided detailed feedback. In line with CAP1616, the change sponsor is now able to reconsider its consultation strategy before resubmitting it for further review by the Civil Aviation Authority at a future Consult Gateway.

It is important to note that whether an ACP passes a gateway successfully or not does not predetermine the CAA's later final decision on whether to accept the airspace change proposal. This decision is not an explicit or implicit comment on the merits or otherwise of this ACP. This will come at the decision-making stage (Stage 5).

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