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RE: Airspace Modernisation Design Principles – FASI-South Gatwick

Thank you for your letter dated 25 September 2019 in response to the CAA's letter which requires airspace change sponsors, which have been identified as being part of FASI-S, to ensure that their change proposal includes a Design Principle which is in accordance with the CAA's published Airspace Modernisation Strategy (CAP 1711) and any plans accepted into it and that it is afforded appropriate priority.

We welcome your commitment to ensuring that *"the options assessment recognises the importance of the Airspace Modernisation Strategy and its objectives"* and that, in your view, the proposed Design Principle is already covered by other obligations on the airport.

However, in our view your letter does not address our concern that any design options that Gatwick Airport may develop will accord with any plan accepted into the AMS, that is an accepted Masterplan; nor do any of the Design Principles themselves refer to the AMS or any other related government policy, either implicitly or by reference.

You have highlighted certain aspects of your Statement of Need (**SoN**), however, we note that those objectives and your proposal only refer to integration with LAMP and not to coordination with other FASI-S airports which may affect or could be affected by Gatwick's proposed airspace design.

Whilst we do welcome your proposal of 12 June 2019 indicates an awareness of the need for collaboration the CAA's position remains that an individual ACP should not proceed through Gateway 2 unless the sponsor can demonstrate the options developed at Stage 2 are the product of co-ordination with other sponsors of interdependent airspace change proposals, that this co-ordination must be carried out under the Masterplan, which has been 'assessed and accepted' by the co-sponsor of the AMS, and that those options are arrived at through engagement on both the AMS and the Masterplan with stakeholders.

The CAA has now published further guidance on the interaction between the Masterplan and the FASI-S and FASI-N programmes. This guidance can be found here - <https://www.caa.co.uk/Commercial-industry/Airspace/Airspace-change/Airspace-change-proposals-in-the-FASI-S-and-FASI-N-programmes/>



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