



GATWICK AIRPORT REDESIGN OF ROUTE 4 RNAV SIDs AIRSPACE CHANGE PROPOSAL

[STATEMENT]

As part of 'Stage 2 – Develop & Assess' of the CAP1616 airspace change process, the UK Civil Aviation Authority has completed a Develop & Assess Gateway Assessment of Gatwick Airport's airspace change proposal (ACP).

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

- the change sponsor must have produced a comprehensive list of airspace change design options;
- the change sponsor must have engaged with relevant stakeholders to explore those options to the CAA's satisfaction against the requirements in Appendix C;
- the change sponsor must have produced a design principle evaluation that the CAA has accepted, showing how its design options have responded to the design principles;
- the change sponsor must have produced an Initial options appraisal (phase I);
- the CAA must have produced and then published an assessment that the options appraisal is satisfactory against the requirements in Appendix E.

In our Gateway Assessment, the CAA concluded that;

- The Change Sponsor did not demonstrate to the CAA's satisfaction that a consistent approach was adopted in relation to stakeholder engagement.
- The Change Sponsor has failed to produce to the CAA's satisfaction, a design principle evaluation showing how its design options have responded to the design principles.
- In considering the comprehensive list of options and the baseline, the sponsor has failed to adequately produce a 'do nothing' option.

The Civil Aviation Authority has informed the change sponsor of this decision. In line with CAP1616, the change sponsor is now able to reconsider its submission before resubmitting it for further review by the Civil Aviation Authority at a future Develop & Assess 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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