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(sent by email)

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London Heathrow - Airspace, Departures and Arrivals Procedure - Third runway (FASl South)

Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your letter dated 7 October 2019 addressed to [REDACTED]. Your correspondence has been forwarded to me for a reply.

The CAA notes and welcomes your confirmation that you will comply with the request to include reference to the Airspace Modernisation Strategy (AMS) in the design principles of all current Stage 1 2R ACPs and your intention to notify stakeholders of the same.

Turning to your response to our position regarding the progress of ACP 2017-43 (as set out in our letter dated 7 September 2019), whilst I welcome your reply, unfortunately, the CAA does not accept the rationale put forward in your fifth paragraph nor the conclusion drawn in the final paragraph of your letter dated 7 October 2019. Similarly, we do not accept the rationale that the success (or otherwise) of Heathrow's DCO application is dependent upon ACP 2017-43's Stage 2 submission occurring prior to the proposed DCO submission date. Given the delay in our response, it is possible that your position may have changed since your letter dated 7 October 2019. Accordingly, I should be grateful if you could please confirm your position.

Nevertheless, the CAA's position remains, as of the last letter, specifically, 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 inter-dependant airspace changes proposal and that this co-ordination must be carried out under the Masterplan.

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