

4th December 2019

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Principal Airspace Regulator
Civil Aviation Authority

By Email: ██████████

Dear ██████████,

Thank you for your letter of 13 November regarding the progress of ACP 2017-43 (Heathrow's Airspace Change Proposal for Expansion).

We note the CAA does not accept our rationale that *"the success (or otherwise) of Heathrow's DCO application is dependent on ACP 2017-43's Stage 2 submission occurring prior to the proposed DCO submission date"*. To clarify, our letter dated 7th October 2019 stated that we proposed the timing of Stage 2B submission to occur ahead of the DCO submission, in order to provide the Secretary of State for Transport (who will be examining the DCO application) with assurance that the corresponding ACP is being progressed and is on track, not that the DCO application is dependent on it. In addition, we stated that there would be timetable implications for the ACP in delaying. We look forward to exploring these issues in more detail with you.

We are, however, in agreement with the requirement that you have stated, which is 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"*.

On 16 November 2019 we emailed a slide pack to ██████████, copied to yourself, which sets out an overview of the rationale for the timing of the ACP Stage 2 to coincide with DCO submission, and which includes an outline approach for how we would demonstrate the required "co-ordination" at Stage 2. Furthermore, we are liaising with neighbouring airports, NATS and ACOG to give greater detail on what this could mean in practice.

We look forward to holding a session with you in the New Year to walk you through that work and find an approach that best meets all process requirements and minimises risk to the DCO application, Expansion ACP and the broader FASI-S programme.



Finally, I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge receipt of the CAA's announcement regarding Airspace Change Proposals in the FASI-S and FASI-N Programmes.

Yours sincerely,

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Heathrow Expansion