



DAP1916 - Statement of Need

Tracking Code: **YMZV8C**

CHANGE

1. Category of Airspace Change

Does your proposal concern Changes to Notified Airspace Design or Planned and Permanent Redistribution of Air Traffic? *

- ☒ Changes to Notified Airspace Design ☐ Planned and Permanent Redistribution of Air Traffic

2. Title of proposal

Please enter a title for this intended change, (max 80 characters): *

Establishment of parachute drop zone at Little Staughton Airfield (MK44 2BN)

☐ Have you previously submitted a Statement of Need ?

SPONSOR

3. Change Sponsor Details

Please select the appropriate category and complete. *

- ☒ A Company
☐ An Unincorporated Association or other body
☐ Individual (including sole traders and partnerships)

3a. A Company

Registered Company name (in full) *

British Parachute Association Limited

Registered Company Number

239 4696 20

Country of Company Registration

United Kingdom

Registered Office Address

5 Wharf Way, Glen Parva, Leicester

Postcode

LE2 9TF

E-mail

[REDACTED]

Trading name (if applicable)

British Skydiving

Trading Address (primary site)

5 Wharf Way, Glen Parva, Leicester

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

LE2 9TF

Website address

www.britishskydiving.org

Primary Point of Contact Name *

[REDACTED]

☒ Requires Airspace Portal Access ?

Telephone *

Mobile Number (for Airspace Portal) *

Email *

Additional Contacts

You can add up to 4 additional contacts

Contact 1

Contact Name *

☒ Requires Airspace Portal Access ?

Telephone *

Mobile Number (for Airspace Portal) *

Email *

STATEMENT OF NEED

4. Independent Aviation/Airspace Consultancy

☐ Is an Independent Aviation/Airspace Consultancy involved in this proposal?

5. Statement of Need

Please provide a brief 'Statement of Need' clearly explaining what issue or opportunity this proposal is seeking to address.

Further information can be found in CAP1616 *

This SoN requires the establishment of a parachute drop zone (DZ) operation at an existing GA airfield situated in class G airspace. The proposal, in our opinion, does not require a technical change of airspace, but would operate within a standard dimensional column of airspace within class G and extending into controlled airspace under the responsibility of NATS Terminal Control. An application for this DZ was originally submitted to the CAA on 18th July 2019 under CAP 1618 having gone through the required consultation process, but in March 2020 CAA requested we submit an ACP instead. It is being sponsored by British Skydiving on behalf of its affiliated parachute training organisation (PTO) GoSkydive Ltd. The required location is at Little Staughton Airfield (LSA), Bedfordshire, MK44 2BN. The DZ would mirror the usual UK DZ dimensions of radius 1.5 nm up to FL150 and would be centred at N52°14'50.64 W000°21'50.76 which is a position approximately 500 metres north of LSA. The DZ would therefore be located in class G airspace up to FL115 from which point it would be on the edge of Daventry CTA. Parachute operations would take place in daylight VFR conditions only, with an approximate average of 5 flights per day and a maximum of 20 flights per day.

Prior to the original application, a consultation exercise was completed with local aviation interests which included NATS, DAATM, Cambridge Gliding Centre, Cranfield Aerodrome and Bedford Aerodrome. Meetings were held at Swanwick which proved very positive, resulting in NATS going as far as producing a draft LoA for the operation in controlled airspace (TC North).

Objections were received from Cranfield Aerodrome and Bedford Aerodrome. Our belief is that because parachuting takes place within a relatively small and clearly defined DZ area, it is far easier to manage in terms of deconfliction than the random GA traffic which utilises the class G airspace that surrounds them. We also believe that the ATSU notification system, which all PTOs are obliged to use, coupled with appropriate LoAs would enable safe management of any potential conflict. The CAA has already clearly stated that that they believe this to be the case with regard to Cranfield and we are prepared to consider an independent IFP assessment for inclusion in the CAP1616 process, if it is proven necessary for an impartial evidential requirement supporting this application.

6. Administrative Changes

☒ Does your proposal represent an administrative change to the Aeronautical Information Publication (Proposed Level 0 change)?

Please confirm which section of the Aeronautical Information Publication your proposed change relates to below. Please use this section to specify the exact details of the nomenclature and / or qualifying remarks you are proposing to change. If your proposal contains large amounts of information (e.g. multiple latitudes/longitudes) please supply the information on a separate email. *

Changes to ENR 5.5; inclusion of Designation / Lateral Limits / Vertical Limits / Operator Contact / Activity Times / Remarks

7. Instrument Flight Procedures

☐ Does your proposal have the potential to include a change to and/or new IFPs?

8. Five-Letter Name Codes (5LNC)

☐ Does this request solely concern the reservation of new Five-Letter Name Codes (5LNC) in advance of a future proposal?

9. Additional Information

Please use the box below to add any further information which the CAA should be aware of when considering this submission (for example dependencies on other airspace change proposals and/or funding deadlines):

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Submission

Your form has been successfully submitted. Please keep a copy of this acknowledgement for your records.

Date and Time: 16 Apr 2020 3:16:29 PM

Application Submission Number: DAP1916V2-63

Please note that the Airspace Regulation team will contact you to acknowledge receipt of your Statement of Need and to confirm the unique ACP reference number (ACP-YYYY-NNN) allocated to this submission. Following receipt of your unique ACP reference number, you will be required to create an associated airspace change proposal on the [CAA's Airspace Change Portal](#). Please refer to CAP 1706: CAA Airspace Change Portal – Sponsor Training Manual provides for further information/guidance on how to use the Airspace Change Portal.

Once your submission has been assigned, arrangements will be made for you to attend an Assessment Meeting. One of the key outputs from this meeting will be an indicative timeline for the proposed airspace change. To enable the CAA to consider your proposed timescales, you will be expected to present dates for the following milestones at the Assessment Meeting:

- DEFINE Gateway
- DEVELOP & ASSESS Gateway
- CONSULT Gateway
- Formal Airspace Change Proposal Submission
- Target AIRAC

The CAA holds Gateway Assessment Meetings on a monthly basis and the annual schedule is published on the [CAA website](#).

Finally, you should also note that from September 2018 any amendments submitted by a Data Originator or ANSP for onward promulgation in the UK IAIP will be subject to the Aeronautical Data Quality Requirements. See [Commission Regulation \(EU\) No 73/2010](#) (updated by 1029/2014) and [CAP 1054: Aeronautical Information Management](#) guidance material for further information. These requirements will be discussed in greater detail during the course of your initial meeting with the CAA.

When you have completed this form, click this button to submit the form for processing. Do not click this button more than once. You will then be provided with further instructions.