



ACP 2018-65 SAIP AD6 AIRSPACE CHANGE PROPOSAL

[STATEMENT]

As part of 'Stage 3 – Consult' of the CAP1616 airspace change process, the UK Civil Aviation Authority has completed a Consult Gateway Assessment of the SAIP AD6 airspace change proposal (ACP).

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

- produced a consultation strategy
- produced appropriate and effective consultation documents and supporting materials
- produced a Full options appraisal (phase II)

In our Gateway Assessment, the CAA concluded that:

- 1) There was a lack of transparency on the impacts of the preferred option versus the other option.
- 2) There were unanswered questions regarding elements of the presented IFPs.
- 3) There were a number of points within the Full Options Appraisal that needed addressing.

Therefore, it is our view that there is a risk that stakeholders could either misunderstand or fail to appreciate all of the impacts of the proposed changes.

The Civil Aviation Authority has informed the change sponsor of this decision and provided detailed feedback. In line with CAP1616, the change sponsor is now able to reconsider its consultation strategy before resubmitting it for further review by the Civil Aviation Authority at a future Consult 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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