

MINUTES OF DANGER AREAS NAMING CONVENTIONS ASSESSMENT MEETING HELD AT CAA HOUSE 28 MARCH 18

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Head DAAM
SO2 Airspace Operations
Weapons Specialist

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Appointment

SO1 DAATM
SO2 Airspace Strategy
SO3 DAAM
Airspace Regulator
Airspace Specialist

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CAA Assessment Meeting Opening Statement

CAA noted that the following ACP Statement of Agenda were received in advance of the Assessment Meeting and confirmed that the documents would be published together with minutes of the meeting on the CAA website. CAA explained the purpose of the meeting and confirmed that the meeting was an Assessment Meeting and not a Gateway. The CAA reinforced that the sponsor was required to provide a broad description of their proposed approach to meeting the CAA's CAP 1616 requirements but the CAA was not deciding whether the proposed approach met the detailed requirements of the CAA's process at this stage. The purpose of the Assessment Meeting (set out in detail in CAP 1616) was broadly:

- for the Sponsor to present and discuss their Statement of Need,
- to enable the CAA to consider whether the proposal concerned falls within the scope of the formal airspace change process,
- to enable the CAA to consider the appropriate provisional Level to assign to the change proposal.

Additionally, the sponsor was required to provide information on how it intended to proceed to fulfil the requirements of the airspace change process and to provide information on timescales. Lastly, the sponsor was required to provide information on how it intended to meet the engagement requirements of the various stage of the airspace change process.

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| Item 1 – Introduction ████ introduced all personnel and discussed the purpose of the meeting. ████ gave a brief introduction to the MOD ACP via Power Point. | |
| Item 2 – Statement of Need (discussion and review) The 2 separate Statements of Need (one for each DA) were reviewed. █████ stated that future platforms require an increased amount of airspace to conduct training; the current DA structure is not fit for purpose. Training routinely manoeuvres outside of the confines of the DA resulting in Safety Occurrence Reports being filed. The CAA █████ agreed that there is a potential issue and an ACP could be an appropriate way forward. | |

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| <p>█ suggested that gathering evidence of recent DASORs would be beneficial. The Statement of Need also mentions that GA gathers around the edges of the DAs. █ questioned whether there was evidence of this.</p> <p>Should the Statement of Need be revised and updated, this would be published by the CAA as V2.</p> | |
| <p>Item 3 – Issues or opportunities arising from proposed change</p> <p>█ stated that the current airspace construct is not sufficient for training and operations. Several requirements have been mentioned by aircrew however this requires to be formalised.</p> <p>█ stated that should the ACP result in an expansion of Donna Nook, the heli-route HMR6 may be impacted.</p> <p>█ stated that the ACP provides the opportunity to enhance current DAs to safely achieve the intent.</p> | █ |
| <p>Item 4 – Options to exploit opportunities or address issues identified</p> <p>█ suggested that there should be no need to increase the current DAs vertically. There should also be no need for the increased areas of the range to operate below 7000ft.</p> | |
| <p>Item 5 – Provisional indication of the scale level and process requirements</p> <p>█ stated that this falls within the scope of an ACP.</p> <p>█ indicated that this is likely to be a Level M1 ACP.</p> <p>There is potential for this change to impact civil traffic patterns below 7000ft. █ stated that, going forward, this impact will require analysis, including any impact on the GA community.</p> | |
| <p>Item 6 – Provisional process timescales</p> <p>█ stated some provisional timescales: Define Gateway – April 18 Develop and Assess Gateway – June 18 Consultation Gateway – October 18 Decision Gateway – January 19</p> <p>█ suggested that these timescales are slightly too optimistic. All paperwork is required to be submitted to the CAA at least two weeks prior to the Gateway date.</p> <p>█ requested that █ review the timescales, ensuring there is enough time incorporated for the 12 week consultation phase (including Christmas) and the 16 week decision period for the CAA.</p> <p>█ stated that it is desirable for any change to be implemented prior to the arrival of substantial number of F35 aircraft in August 19.</p> | █ |
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| <p>Item 7 – Next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider amending statement of need following today's discussions. • Liaise with airspace users to create a requirement document to include what is needed to support future training. • Consider design principles. • Review timescales to ensure they are as realistic as possible. | |
| <p>Item 8 – Any other business</p> <p>None.</p> | |

ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE EAST COAST DANGER AREAS ASSESSMENT MEETING

| Subject | Name | Action | Deadline |
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| Issues | ████ ████ | Airspace users to formalise training requirements. | 18 April |
| Timescales | ████ ████ | Review ACP Timescales. | 18 April |

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ACP Sponsor