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Good afternoon

I am writing to you today in relation to the Airspace Change Proposal (ACP) titled 'Enabling Temporary Remotely Piloted Air System Operations in the UK – Summer 2021 (ACP-2020-100)'. Following on from the Assessment Meeting, you have conducted targeted stakeholder engagement and you have provided evidence of the targeted engagement in a Final Submission. My colleagues and I have begun reviewing your Final Submission and liaising with the RPAS Sector Team with regards to the associated Operational Safety Case. As we have only reviewed your submission partially, we are unable to provide a decision at this time and I will expand further shortly. With that in mind, I can confirm however that the decision has been to allow the submission to be submitted to produce the Aviation Information Circular, with the below conditions, for the Temporary Danger Areas in relation to ACP-2020-100. This means that the associated Aeronautical Information Circular will be submitted to NATS for them to process, pending our final decision. Rest assured, this email is not a notice of the failure of the ACP and you are not required to restart the ACP.

During your final submission, it was noted that there was mention to TOIs/LOAs which were required for your ACP, to accommodate other airspace users, which have not yet been formalised. In addition, we noted at the time of submission, the Operational Safety Case with the CAA's RPAS Sector Team has not been finalised and therefore a Flight Authorisation is still pending. The above decision was made based on the following 2 requirements being met, allowing a final decision to take place.

- 1) The TOIs/LOAs mentioned in your final submission between the sponsor and certain airspace users are produced. Evidence can be provided that these documents are in draft. If the ACP Final Decision is to approve the ACP, please note we will need to see finalised and signed copies of these agreements before we approve activations of the TDAs.
- 2) The Operational Safety Case, which is in process with the RPAS Sector Team, is finalised and the RPAS operator, in this case General Atomics, receive their Flight Authorisation.

On receiving the above documentation and updated Final Submission, my colleagues and I will review the documents and you will be informed of the Civil Aviation Authorities decision with regards to the ACP.

Please note, a redacted version of this communication should be uploaded to the portal.

If you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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