

Glasgow Airport Airspace Consultation update – August 2018

Earlier this year we conducted a 13-week consultation on proposals to modernise the departure flight paths currently used by aircraft from Glasgow Airport. There were two reasons why we had to do this:

1. Our proposals formed part of an industry-wide initiative driven by our regulator, the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), to modernise the UK's airspace, including the airspace around Glasgow Airport.
2. We were informed by our air traffic control provider, NATS, of its plans to replace the existing ground-based navigation equipment with a satellite navigation system.

The consultation closed on 13 April, however, as it drew to a close we were informed by the CAA of a change in policy which would alter how our proposals would be taken forward.

What hasn't changed is the need to modernise our airspace and, together with NATS, we have been working closely with the CAA to understand the requirements of the new process. This will involve a second round of consultation which we envisage launching towards the end of 2019.

As part of the new process, local communities will again have the opportunity to engage with the airport to inform our proposals. Should they be accepted, the earliest point at which changes could be made to our flight paths would be 2021.

I must stress, the valuable feedback we gained from local communities earlier this year will play a vital role in shaping the next stage of the process.

We remain committed to growing Glasgow Airport responsibly and we want our local communities to continue to be part of that journey. It is for this reason that no changes have or will be made to Glasgow's airspace until we have sought your views as part of the new process.

As soon as we have confirmed a new consultation timeline with the CAA we will contact you with details on how you can participate.

Yours sincerely,



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