



DAP1916 - Statement of Need

Tracking Code: **4LJURX**

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): *

Future Combat Airspace Interim Solution - 2022

☐ 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)

3b. An Unincorporated Association

Name of Unincorporated Association or other body *

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☐ Requires Airspace Portal Access ?

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Additional Contacts

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 request is for a temporary activation of airspace in which to complete a large, multinational exercise in September 2022. Air Command, on behalf of the Ministry of Defence, has an obligation to provide relevant tactical collective training to its combat and combat support forces to ensure UK Forces are correctly prepared to defend UK interests in line with the UK Defence Strategy. An appropriate airspace that can safely facilitate exercising large forces of modern and future air platforms, in an efficient and representative combat environment is required to meet this need.

With the introduction of 5th generation aircraft into the RAF inventory, larger, rectangular portions of airspace are needed so that crews can participate in realistic training, employing tactics which would be used in a hostile environment. The existing D323 and D613 complexes are suitable for routine flying training, but lack the space required for a full simulated Combat Air Operation involving participants from our NATO allies. These existing areas also lack the overland areas required on which to place targets.

The training our aircrew undertake prepares them for the threats they will face in a hostile environment using scenarios which cannot be recreated in a simulator. A combat operation will not be fought in isolation and will always involve co-operation with a partner nation. The larger airspace allows our RAF crews to train with our North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) partners in large-scale exercises which mimic real-life combat. The overland portion of D597 is critical in training our forces to identify and neutralise ground threats.

The purpose of the Royal Air Force is to deliver air and space power to protect the nation. Without the increased amount of airspace afforded by D597, the RAF would not be able to meet its key deliverables of having Force Elements at Readiness nor would it be able to meet its air commitments to NATO.

Our purpose in the Ministry of Defence is to protect the people of the United Kingdom and our overseas territories, prevent conflict, and be ready to fight our enemies. The importance of suitable airspace in which to conduct flying training cannot be overstated.

6. Administrative Changes

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

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):

ACP-2020-026 is in progress which aims to provide a permanent special use airspace in which the MOD can conduct training however this will not be complete until early 2023. Under the trial ACP-2021-007, this training will take place in D597 during two exercises, in Sep 21 and Mar 22.

A further large scale exercise is planned in Sep 2022 which requires a further activation of this temporary airspace. Every effort is being made to complete ACP-2020-026 in a timely manner to avoid any further activation of temporary airspace.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Submission

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

Date and Time: **01 Jul 2021 5:01:41 PM**

Application Submission Number: **DAP1916V2-252**

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.