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## **ACP-2021-12 – Airspace Design Principles & Engagement Report – CAA DEFINE Gateway Outcome**

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In our capacity as airspace Sponsor for the proposed Spaceport 1 (SP-1) small rocket vertical launch site at Scolpaig, North Uist, we are writing to you (as part of the stakeholder community), to notify that the above titled Airspace Change Proposal (ACP) has successfully passed through the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) DEFINE Gateway. This means the CAA were satisfied with the Design Principles (DPs), which were shared with you for comment earlier in the year, and the engagement process undertaken by the Sponsor; concluding that the Sponsor had correctly followed due process for Stage 1B as prescribed in Civil Aviation Publication (CAP) 1616. Details can be found on the CAA Airspace Portal at:

<https://airspacechange.caa.co.uk/search?Page=1&SponsorOrganisation=QinetiQ%20Ltd>

The ACP will shortly progress to Stage 2 of the process, namely the DEVEOP & ASSESS phase. Here the Sponsor is required to develop a set of airspace design options that both meet the statement of need and the DPs as prescribed during Stage 1. The Sponsor will conduct preliminary testing of the design options through the stakeholder community where your input will once again be encouraged. The aim is to ensure you, as a stakeholder, consider the design options are aligned to the DPs and the Sponsor has correctly understood and accounted for stakeholder concerns specifically related to the design options.

We will therefore, be writing to you again in due course to share our proposed airspace design options. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your input thus far in the ACP process and look forward to engaging with you further during Stage 2. In the meantime, if you have any immediate questions please contact the airspace change manager at: [SP1ACP@QinetiQ.com](mailto:SP1ACP@QinetiQ.com).

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