



Ministry
of Defence

**Interim solution for use of FJAs
ACP-2021-051**

CAA Stage 1 Assessment Meeting

Sponsor



Agenda

- Introduction / Apologies CAA
- Statement of Need (discussion and review) All
- Issues and Opportunities Sponsor
- Options to exploit opportunities or address issues Sponsor
- Provisional indication of level and process CAA
- Provisional timescale All
- Next Steps All
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Introduction

Statement of Need

In order to meet the complex training objectives of Defence during Ex Joint Warriors, a large scale multi-national military exercise, segregated airspace is required that:

- Is within reach of Navy Forces, more specifically a Carrier Strike Group (with embarked 5th generation air systems) operating within Deep Water, which through the development of the scenario is likely to span hundreds of miles.
- Provides a sufficient mixture of overland and overseas areas which offers exercise planners flexibility to create more complex scenarios across both environments, for necessary littoral operations.
- Crucially caters for kinetic and non-kinetic ranges within the area, which allows for necessary Air Land integration.
- Is of large enough size to accommodate representative operational numbers.

In order for UK Danger Areas to comply with both the UK's Airspace Modernisation Strategy and incoming Free Route Airspace (FRA), every danger area requires a "parent" danger area in the UK AIP in order for Flight Buffer Zones to be applied and thus enable FRA. In an increasingly busy UK airspace, segregated airspace of a large enough size and in a suitable location will not exist after FRA is implemented and current solutions are untenable to deliver the required needs of Defence.

Issues and Opportunities

- Introduction of Free Route Airspace will mean no FJAs by the end of 2021
- Timeline management with ACP-2020-092
- No change to the dimension to current airspace

Options to exploit opportunities or address issues

- No FJAs by the end of 2021
- Timeline management with ACP-2020-092
- No change to the dimension to current airspace
 - Safety
 - Effective and flexible use of airspace

Level and Processes

Provisional Timescale

Timescales would look to meet a CAA submission by 26 Nov 2022.

- Assessment meeting 10 Aug
 - Submission to the CAA 22 Oct (allowing us 10 weeks for consultation etc...)
 - CAA Decision date 19 Nov
 - **Total: 23 weeks**
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- *AIRAC Submission date 26 Nov 21*
 - *AIRAC Publication date 24 Feb 22*
 - *Ex JW221 commences 26 Mar 22 – 7 Apr 22*

Next Steps

AOB