

LONDON SOUTHEND AIRPORT (FASI)

Define Gateway Outcome - 28th January 2022



[STATEMENT]

As part of 'Stage 1 – Define' of the CAP 1616 airspace change process, the UK Civil Aviation Authority has completed a Define Gateway Assessment of London Southend Airport's airspace change proposal (ACP) – London Southend Airport (FASI) (ACP-2018-90).

In order for the CAA to allow an ACP to pass through the Define Gateway:

1. *the change sponsor must have produced a Statement of Need and the CAA has determined that an airspace change is an appropriate option to consider against the requirements in Appendix A;*
2. *the change sponsor must have met with the CAA to discuss the airspace change process (unless a meeting was not required) and demonstrated that it understands what will be required of it ;*
3. *the CAA must have agreed the change sponsor's proposed timescales;*
4. *the change sponsor must have produced design principles;*
5. *the change sponsor must have explained to the CAA's satisfaction how the design principles were influenced through stakeholder engagement against the requirements in Appendix D;*
6. *the CAA must have accepted the process and approach used to develop the design principles against the requirements in Appendix D;*
7. *the CAA must have accepted the design principles as a well-founded shortlist of principles to inform the development of airspace design options.*

At the Gateway assessment for this proposal, the CAA concluded that Criterion 5 was not met for the following reasons:

- **Criterion 5:**

- The change sponsor omitted to provide sufficient information to show how each response received through stakeholder engagement influenced the final set of design principles and/or applied inconsistent approach in addressing stakeholders' feedback.
- The change sponsor omitted to engage with some key stakeholders.

The Civil Aviation Authority has informed the change sponsor of this decision. In line with CAP 1616, the change sponsor is now able to reconsider its submission before resubmitting it for further review by the Civil Aviation Authority at a future Define Gateway.

It is important to note that whether an ACP passes a gateway successfully or not does not predetermine the CAA's later final decision on whether to approve the airspace change proposal. This decision is not an explicit or implicit comment on the merits or otherwise of this ACP. This will come at the decision-making stage (Stage 5).

[END OF STATEMENT]