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Dear [REDACTED]

**Airspace Modernisation Strategy (AMS) and RAF Northolt Airspace Change Proposal (ACP)**

Thank you for hosting the meeting between the CAA and RAF Northolt on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022. I am writing to confirm the outcomes following our discussion on the impact of the Airspace Modernisation Strategy (AMS) and the ongoing Masterplan process on the RAF Northolt FASI South Airspace Change Proposal (ACP-2018-66).

In the meeting we agreed the following:

RAF Northolt Design Principle 1: "Must be safe", remains the highest priority. This aligns with the AMS (CAP 1711) objectives for safe airspace design and utilization.

Defence and Security is one of the six known 'ends' expected from the AMS to, "*facilitate the integrated operation of air traffic services provided by or on behalf of the armed forces and take account of the interests of national security*". This is captured in RAF Northolt's Design Principle 2: "Must ensure continuation of military and governmental operational activity".

The priority design principle developed with RAF Northolt's stakeholders during Stage 1 of the ACP is that the airspace change "*must ensure the continuation of military and governmental operational activity*". This is one of the essential ways that the AMS 'ends' expected for Defence and Security are achieved.

Having identified all adjacent ACPs to RAF Northolt included in the Masterplan Iteration 2 for the LTMA cluster, airspace design options for the ACP will be developed as part of the coordinated Masterplanning programme with interdependent change sponsors.



The RAF Northolt Design Principle Evaluation will include an assessment of how well the options perform against the vision and parameters/strategic objectives of the AMS, including the Masterplan objective to integrate the constituent ACPs in the LTMA cluster in a manner that optimises the performance of the overall airspace system.

Based on this agreement, RAF Northolt will not include an additional AMS airspace design principle to the list developed with stakeholders during Stage 1 of the ACP. This is on the understanding that the Stage 2 submission demonstrates how stakeholders were made aware of how the AMS and Masterplan are reflected in the options development and Design Principle Evaluation, highlighting their importance to the proposal.

I hope that this letter accurately captures our agreement, and that you will confirm this in response.

*Yours sincerely,*

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