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RAFAT Training Airspace

CAA Stage 1 Assessment Meeting

6 Feb 19

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Agenda

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 - Discuss and review
- Issues, Opportunities and Dependencies Sponsor
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Statement of Need

The RAF Aerobatic Team (RAFAT) currently operates from RAF Scampton (EGXP), and conducts display training in EG R313 (centred on RAF Scampton). Following the MOD announcement (Jul 18) to close RAF Scampton by 2022, a new operating location and training airspace is required for RAFAT. The required dimensions of the new Restricted Airspace remains unchanged (when notified as active no other aircraft is to fly below 9500 ft amsl within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 5 nm). This proposal presents an opportunity to de-regulate the use of the current EG R313 airspace, and re-establish the airspace at new location, yet to be determined.

Altitudes affected:

- Surface to below 4,0 0 0 feet
- 4,0 0 0 feet to below 7,0 0 0 feet
- 7,0 0 0 feet to below 20 ,0 0 0 feet

Proposed submission (4b) date: 01 Sep 2020

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Statement of Need

Military requirements

- Recruitment
- Reputation
- Defence Engagement

Economic requirement

- UK industrial strategy (RAFAT contribution)

Government

- Defence Estate Optimisation Programme (RAF Scampton closure) part of Govt strategy to release land for housing/industrial development.

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Issues, Opportunities and Dependencies

Issues:

- Challenging timeline
- Demand on CAA and MOD personnel
- Multiple location options.

Opportunities:

- Release of existing EGR313 airspace

Dependencies:

- RAFAT basing decision. Subject to MOD infra Assessment Study and Investment Appraisal.

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Provisional indication of level and process

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Provisional Timescale – for discussion

Define Gateway – May 19

Develop and Assess Gateway – Aug 19

Consult Gateway – Dec 19

Update and Submit – Jul 20

Decide Gateway – Dec 20

Implementation – Jan 21

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Next Steps

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