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AIRSPACE CHANGE PROPOSAL – ACP-2021-078 – STAGE 2 GATEWAY ACTION

Introduction

On Friday 29 July 2022, the CAA held the Stage 2 Develop and Assess Gateway Assessment for ACP-2021-078 – Enabling RPAS Operations from RAF Fairford. The submission documentation described the intent that activations will be between 1 hour after sunset and 1 hour before sunrise and the Design Principle Evaluation and Initial Options Appraisal were conducted with this operating scenario in mind. However, there was also a statement that there may be an operational requirement to activate the airspace outside of this window in-extremis, with approval from the CAA on a case-by-case basis. The CAA determined that, if there is any potential requirement to activate the airspace during the day, appropriate impact assessment on daytime civil aviation operations will be required for Stage 2 and subsequent ACP stages.

Clarification Statement

The ACP sponsor can confirm that there is no requirement to activate the airspace during the daytime and there will be no further reference to daytime, in-extremis provision in subsequent stages of this ACP.