

Airspace Change Proposal (ACP2022-082): The removal of Doncaster Sheffield Airport's (DSA, EGCN) airspace – CAA statement of intent.

DSA have informed the UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) that they will suspend certain operations including air traffic service (ATS) provision at 1500UTC 18 November 2022.

The CAA is therefore sponsoring an ACP to manage the safe removal, from the UK aeronautical information publication (AIP), of the airspace for which DSA is the nominated unit providing service. This will include the removal of, or amendment to, other elements of the AIP which are relevant to DSA, subject to the ACP process.

Another certified air navigation service provider (ANSP), subject to approval by the CAA, could manage part or all of the current published construct; however, there will be no opportunity to amend the current construct under this ACP.

The CAA recognises that the closure of DSA will have broad implications, however, this ACP is specifically related to the consequences of the removal of information related to DSA in the UK AIP. The CAA would welcome safety and airspace related considerations from relevant stakeholders.

The CAA would also welcome considerations, from suitable ANSPs, regarding the provision of air navigation services for the current DSA airspace.

The ACP (2022-082) will allow the CAA to safely and transparently manage the removal of the required airspace and any arrangements to transfer management (process requirements to be agreed).

All the requisite changes to the AIP should be concluded by AIRAC 05/2023 which will become effective on 18 May 2023 (subject to responses). Until the ACP is concluded, a NOTAM will be issued to de-notify the airspace for which DSA is the nominated unit providing service.

Further information can be found on the CAA's airspace change portal.

All considerations should be submitted via email to airspace.policy@caa.co.uk, no later than 1200UTC 17 February 2023.

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