

**ISSUE** - EGCN (Doncaster Sheffield Airport - DSA) will suspend operations including ATS provision at 1500UTC 18 Nov 22. The controlled airspace (CAS)/air traffic zone (ATZ) and associated procedures that are currently managed by DSA ATC/Operations, will need to be removed from the UK AIP, unless another certified ANSP is accepted, by the CAA, to manage part or all of the current published construct.

**RESPONSE** – The CAA will sponsor a CAP1616 ACP in order to manage the removal of the DSA airspace/procedures from the UK (aeronautical information publication) AIP. As an immediate response is required, a NOTAM (notice to air missions) will be issued stating that the CAS will revert to Class G airspace and the ATZ will not be managed.

The CAA will issue a statement alongside the NOTAM informing targeted stakeholders that:

- a) The CAA is commencing the removal of DSA from the AIP (see NOTAM).
- b) Any ANSP who wished to manage all/part of the published DSA airspace will need to make considerations to the CAA [airspace.policy@caa.co.uk](mailto:airspace.policy@caa.co.uk) by 1200UTC 17 Feb 23, after which an airspace change request will be submitted to NATS AIS, in order for DSA to be permanently removed from the AIP in AIRAC 05/2023 (18 May23).

A CAA SME Assessment Meeting was held 27 Oct 22 to confirm actions/issues.

Attendees – [REDACTED] (Technical Reg and DSA Closure Lead), [REDACTED] (ATS), [REDACTED] (ATS), [REDACTED] (AR(U)), [REDACTED] (Aerodromes), [REDACTED] (Aerodromes), [REDACTED] (ATS), [REDACTED] (AR Comms), [REDACTED] (Principal ATS Inspector), [REDACTED] (OGC)

#### Discussion points

1) CAA sponsorship of an ACP to safely manage the airspace closure – The group agreed that this would be a scaled CAA Sponsored ACP (provisional Level 2C) and would likely follow the [ATZ Policy](#) format, in terms of scaling. The decision maker will be from AR but would have to remain excluded from the process to ensure that they maintain an open mind.

#### *Actions:*

- [REDACTED] *to be confirmed as decision maker and informed of meeting outcomes.*
- [REDACTED] *to submit SoN (DAP1916)*
- [REDACTED] *to draft information statement for emailing, CAA Portal, skywise.*

2) Impact Assessment/Engagement – Consideration for extant ANSPs, such as EGNM (LBA) and NATS (EGCC), as they are known to utilise elements of the DSA CAS. Local (minor) aerodromes will also be impacted, these include: Humberside, Sandtoft, Gamston, Netherthorpe, Leed East, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Retford Sturgate (G), Burn (G), Brighton (G), Darlton (G) Kirton-in-Lindsey (G), Nostell Priory (H), Walton Wood (H), Ravenfield (H) and the MoD bases. Advice on managing any SMSs that relied on LoAs with DSA.

Any considerations for the management of extant airspace structures will have to be justified and submitted to AR for consideration under this ACP for a decision. This ACP will not alter any structures/procedures.

*Actions:*

– as part of the impact assessment, please inform [REDACTED] of any other airfields to include on the stakeholder list, NATMAC dist list will be used for national coverage.

- [REDACTED] will liaise with [REDACTED] and NATS to ascertain their views on managing any extant CAS.
- [REDACTED] will continue their discussions with LBA in order to determine their interest in managing CTAs 8 and 10.

3) Participation – It was agreed that the attendees covered the majority of key areas, however, Airspace Classification should be kept informed, so that we can insure we align where appropriate and seek guidance as required. [REDACTED] should also be informed via Comms, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

*Action – [REDACTED] will liaise with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] will keep [REDACTED] informed of relevant progress.*

4) Timeline – A NOTAM will be issued effective from 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022, no ATS provision, no manged airspace. The sun-set date for the CAA to consider management of the extant structures will be 17 Feb 23. This date allows 3 months for engagement, after which the airspace change request (ACR) will be submitted to AIS to permanently remove the requisite elements relating to EGCN in the AIP.

5) Engagement/comms – The CAA Portal, the NOTAM, emailing targeted stakeholders, NATMAC distribution list and a skywise statement (see above). [REDACTED]

6) AOB – What are the risks of removing large volumes of CAS. What are the risks of some/all the CAS coming back online (incursions, etc). Ongoing meetings will be required with SMEs. Stakeholder feed-back.

*Action – Safety considerations will form part of the ACP.*