Aberdeen International Airport (AIAL)

FASI-N Airspace Change Proposal

Step 2A Design Principle Evaluation

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CAA Feedback	Aberdeen Airport Response	Document Updates
DPE: The Sponsor must clarify if the DPE was done in isolation for each option in	For the purposes of developing the Comprehensive List of Options, Aberdeen has developed an option which proposes to reduce CAS (CAS Option 1) separately to the arrival route options (Runway 16 Options 1–5 and Runway 34 Options 1-3). Each arrival option for Runway 16 and Runway 34 has been assessed in isolation; the assessment of 'partially met' for DP7 and DP8 reflects that the options do not offer any	Clarification text added to
terms of DPs 7 and 8, given the 'partial' evaluations for all options against CAS. It is implicit that every option is independent or could CAS Option1 align with any IAP Option? [CAP 1616 Para 128).	opportunity for CAS improvements within the option itself. However, all of the options are compatible with CAS Option 1, which does propose to reduce the volume of CAS. We have therefore updated the wording of the route option assessments for DP7 and DP8 to reflect that CAS Option 1 would be compatible with the options.	DP7 and DP8 Assessments highlighted blue
	This update does not affect the 'partially met' status of the assessments nor does it affect the outcome of the Design Principle Evaluation.	

Option Name	The airspace design and its operation must be as safe or safer than today for all airspace users that are affected by the airspace change	Subject to the overriding design principle of maintaining a high standard of safety, the highest priority principle of this airspace change that cannot be discounted is that it accords with the CAA's published Airspace Modernisation Strategy (CAP 1711) and any current or future plans associated with it.	Design options should minimise the change to tra- over the ground of aircra- arriving and departing from Aberde
RWY 16			
Do Nothing			
RWY 16 Option 1			
Vectors to final approach			
RWY 16 Option 2 Inner T Bar			
RWY 16 Option 3			
Outer T Bar			
RWY 16 Option 4 Curved Approach from West			
RWY 16 Option 5 Curved Approach from East			
RWY 34			
Do Nothing			
RWY 34 Option 1			
Vectors to final approach RWY 34 Option 2			
T Bar			
RWY 34 Curved Approach			
from East			
Existing CAS			
Do Nothing			
CAS Option 1			
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Raise portion of CTA 3 to 4500ft

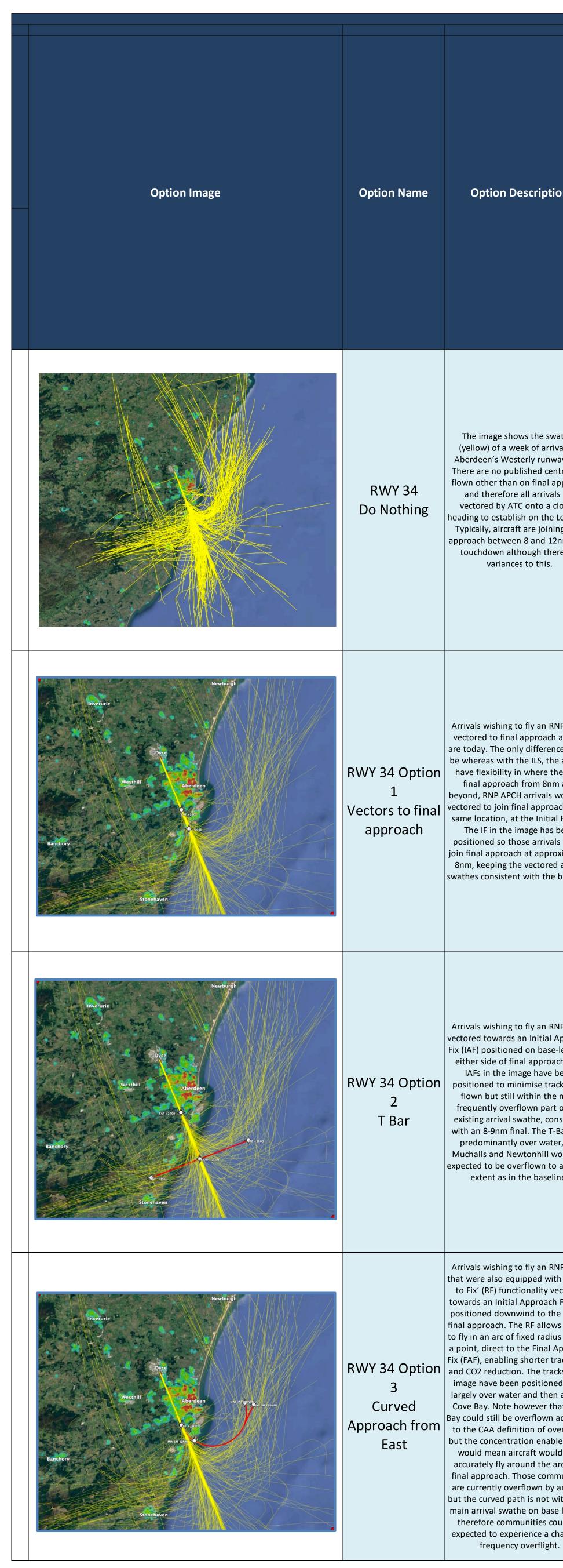
acks aft een.	Design options should investigate the feasibility of steeper approaches for PBN arrivals to reduce the noise footprint of Aberdeen Airport's operation.	Arrival route options should enable aircraft to descend continuously and should not inhibit departures from climbing continuously. If both cannot be achieved, there should be preference to the most environmentally beneficial option.	Options should not increase and should aim to reduce the emissions footprint of aircraft operating at Aberdeen by reviewing existing controlled airspace boundaries and usage of flight paths in the NERL network.	Design the appropriate volume of controlled airspace (CAS) to safely support commercial air transport and release controlled airspace which is not required	Controlled airspace options should ensure there is safe and efficient access for other types of operations, and should explore measures, including classification and flexible use of airspace, where possible and appropriate, to improve access and decrease airspace segregation.

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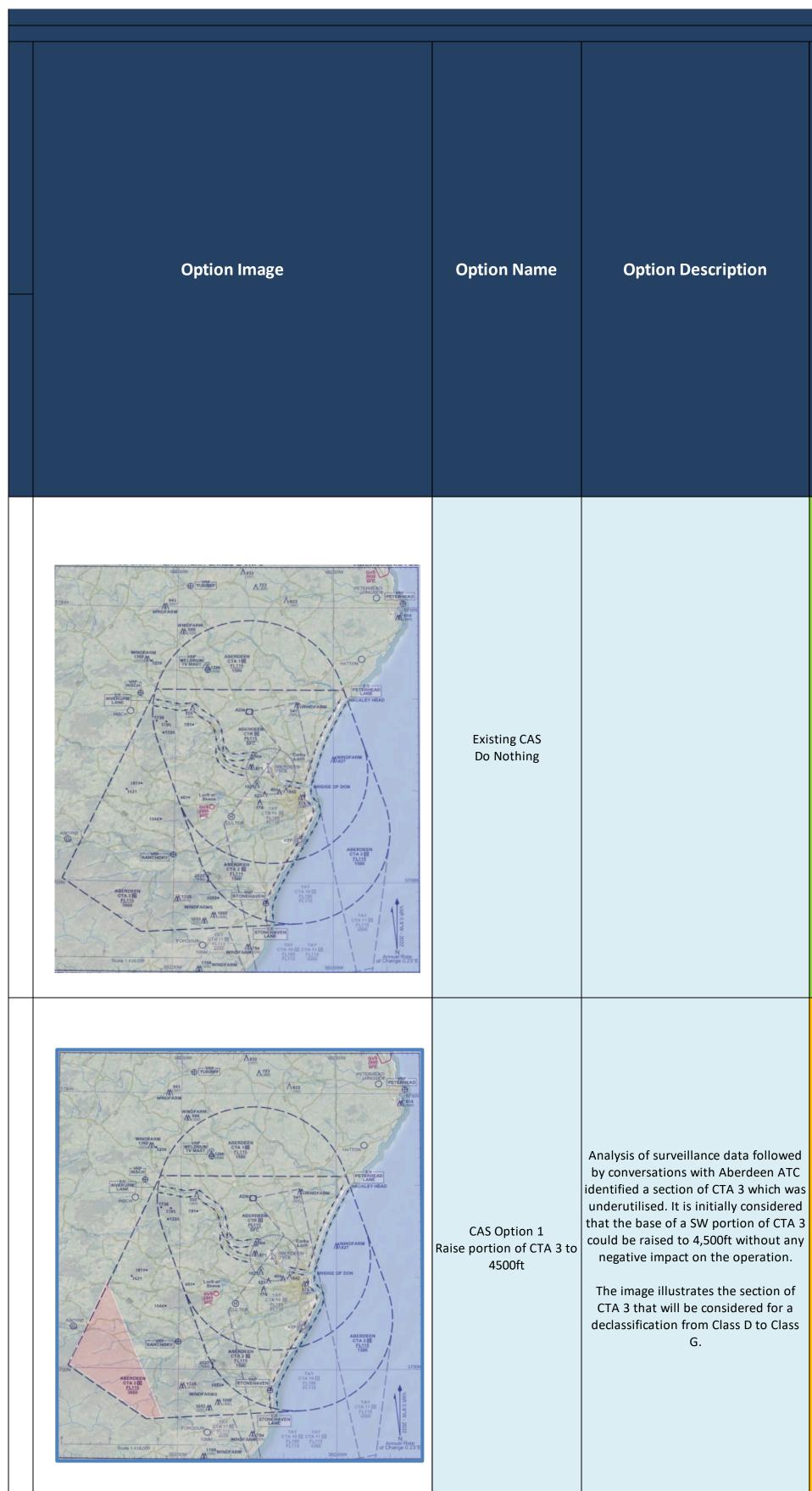
Options shall not reduce and where possible enhance the air traffic movement capacity of Aberdeen Airport.	Ensure the Aberdeen operation is resilient to the withdrawal or failure of navigation aids and systems.	Result
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Option Image	Option Name	Option Description	The airspace design and its operation must be as safe or safer than today for all airspace users that are affected by the airspace change	standard of safet change accords with the Ca curren Maintain and enhance high aviation safety standards	verriding design principle of maintaining a high ty, the highest priority principle of this airspace e that cannot be discounted is that it CAA's published Airspace Modernisation Strate (CAP 1711) and any nt or future plans associated with it.ure the ficient se of se of enable the airspace networkImprove environmental performance by reducing emissions and by better managing noiseFacilitation objective	e Design options should minimise the change to tracks over the ground of aircraft arriving and departing from Aberdeen.		departures from climbing continuously. If both cannot be achieved, there should be		safely support commercial air transport and release controlled airspace which is not	measures, including classification and flexible use of	e Options shall not reduce and where possible enhance the air traffic movement capacity of Aberdeen Airport.	
	RWY 16 Do Nothing	The swathes (yellow) are a week of arrivals to Rwy 16. There are no published centrelines flown, other than on final approach. All arrivals are vectored by ATC onto a closing heading to establish on the Localiser. Typically aircraft are joining final approach between 8 - 12nm from touchdown.	The airspace design is expected to be as safe or safer than today with no safety concerns at this time		DP7 and DP8See DP9 and DP10See DP3, DP4, DP5, DP6, DP9 and DP10Option n expected to defence a security obje	ot affect	therefore no opportunity to investigate PBN	There would be no change to the vertical profiles or inbound of outbound aircraft as a result of this option.	Doing nothing will not change track miles for Aberdeen traffic compared to today	Option is expected to be contained within existing CAS but does not enable a reduction in CAS	airspace classification or enable flexible use of airspace. Pilots that require a transit of the	Option is not expected to affect the ATM capacity of Aberdeen Airport. We note that lack of resilience enabled by PBN approaches could result in delays and diversions however this is not necesserily a capacity measure.	Option does not provide additional resilience
Dundeling Newburgh Newburgh Newburgh Banbory Newburgh	1	 This option would continue to see those arrivals wishing to fly an RNP APCH vectored to final approach as they are today. The only difference would be whereas with the ILS, the arrivals have flexibility in where they join final approach from 8nm and beyond, RNP APCH arrivals would be vectored to join final approach in the same location, at the Initial Fix (IF). The IF has been positioned so those arrivals would join final approach at approximately 8nm, keeping the vectored arrival swathes consistent with the baseline 	The airspace design is expected to be as safe or safer than today with no safety concerns at this time subject to satisfactory IFP Validation	See DP1 See D	DP7 and See DP9 and See DP3, DP4, DP5, Option n DP8 See DP10 See DP3 and DP10 See Curity obje	vectored towards a fixed Waypoint (IF) rather than localiser which is more flexible, the low number of arrivals expected to use the PBN Approaches is not expected to result in any concentration of tracks. The IF would be locate	This option would be able to be accommodate a 3.2° VPA. However please see the Stage 2A submission document for notes on benefits of a steeper VPA versus safety assurances and airline feedback.	This option should enable aircraft to descend		existing CAS but the option itself does not enable a reduction in CAS	Option itself is not expected to lead to a change in airspace classification or enable flexible use of airspace. Pilots that require a transit of the CTR/CTA are always welcome to contact ABZ ATC and request a clearance to enter CAS. The option would be compatible with CAS Option 1 which proposes to raise a portion of CTA 3 to 4500h	Option is not ownested to offect the ATM	Option provides additional resilience in the event of an ILS, DME or VOR outage
Image: state	RWY 16 Option 2 Inner T Bar	the most frequently overflown part of	The airspace design is expected to be as safe or safer than today with no safety concerns at this time subject to satisfactory IFP Validation		DP7 and See DP9 and See DP3, DP4, DP5, Option n DP8 See DP10 See DP3 and DP10 See CP3, DP4, DP5,	affect	This option would be able to be accommodate a 3.2° VPA. However please see the Stage 2A submission document for notes on benefits of a steeper VPA versus safety assurances and airline feedback.	This option should enable aircraft to descend	Taking the typical track miles flown from each of the 4 arrival points there would be a cumulative track mile reduction of c.3nm compared to an arrival from each direction being vectored to an ILS approach in the baseline.	existing CAS but the option itself does not enable a reduction in CAS	Option itself is not expected to lead to a change in airspace classification or enable flexible use of airspace. Pilots that require a transit of the CTR/CTA are always welcome to contact ABZ ATC and request a clearance to enter CAS. The option would be compatible with CAS Option 1 which proposes to raise a portion of CTA 3 to 4500ft	Option is not expected to affect the ATM capacity of Aberdeen Airport. We note that increased resilience enabled by PBN approaches helps to reduce delays and diversions however this is not necesserily a capacity measure.	Option provides additional resilience in the event of an ILS, DME or VOR outage
WESHING	RWY 16 Option 3 Outer T Bar	have been positioned to reduce	The airspace design is expected to be as safe or safer than today with no safety concerns at this time subject to satisfactory IFP Validation		DP7 and See DP9 and DP10 See DP3, DP4, DP5, Option n expected to defence a security obje	affect nd	This option would be able to be accommodate a 3.2° VPA. However please see the Stage 2A submission document for notes on benefits of a steeper VPA versus safety assurances and airline feedback.	This option should enable aircraft to descend	of the 4 arrival points there would be a cumulative track mile increase of of less than 1 nm compared to an arrival from each direction being vectored to an ILS approach in the	existing CAS but the option itself does not enable a reduction in CAS	Option itself is not expected to lead to a change in airspace classification or enable flexible use of airspace. Pilots that require a transit of the CTR/CTA are always welcome to contact ABZ ATC and request a clearance to enter CAS. The option would be compatible with CAS Option 1 which proposes to raise a portion of CTA 3 to 4500ft	Option is not expected to offect the ATM	Option provides additional resilience in the event of an ILS, DME or VOR outage
Bion Oldmeidram Werburgh Werburg Werburg Werburg Werburg Werburg Werburg Werburg Werburg Werburg Werburg	RWY 16 Option 4 Curved Approach from West	Oldmeldrum. Note however that those	The airspace design is expected to be as safe or safer than today with no safety concerns at this time subject to satisfactory IFP Validation	See DP1	DP7 and See DP9 and See DP3, DP4, DP5, Option n DP8 DP10 See DP3 and DP10, See curity obje	affect and provide track mile reductions	submission document for notes on benefits of a	This option should enable aircraft to descend		existing CAS but the option itself does not enable a reduction in CAS	Option itself is not expected to lead to a change in airspace classification or enable flexible use of airspace. Pilots that require a transit of the CTR/CTA are always welcome to contact ABZ ATC and request a clearance to enter CAS. The option would be compatible with CAS Option 1 which proposes to raise a portion of CTA 3 to 4500ft	Option is not expected to offect the ATM	Option provides additional resilience in the event of an ILS, DME or VOR outage
	RWY 16 Option 5 Curved Approach from East	positioned to try and route between Ello, Pitmedden and Tarves. Note however that those communities could still be overflown according to the CAA	The airspace design is expected to be as safe or safer than today with no safety concerns at this time subject to satisfactory IFP Validation	See DP1 See E	DP7 and See DP9 and See DP3, DP4, DP5, DP5, DP6, DP9 and DP10 Option n expected to defence a security obje	affect and provide track mile reductions	This option would be able to be accommodate a 3.2° VPA. However please see the Stage 2A submission document for notes on benefits of a steeper VPA versus safety assurances and airline feedback.	This option should enable aircraft to descend		existing CAS but the option itself does not enable a reduction in CAS	Option itself is not expected to lead to a change in airspace classification or enable flexible use of airspace. Pilots that require a transit of the CTR/CTA are always welcome to contact ABZ ATC and request a clearance to enter CAS. The option would be compatible with CAS Option 1 which proposes to raise a portion of CTA 3 to 4500ft	Option is not expected to affect the ATM	Option provides additional resilience in the event of an ILS, DME or VOR outage



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ription		standard o accords with Maintain and	of safety, the l change that on the CAA's pro- (C current or fu d Secure the n efficient use of airspace and enable	highest prior cannot be dis ublished Airs CAP 1711) an ture plans as Avoid flight delays by better managing the	t Improve environmenta performance by reducing emissions and by better managing	his airspace it ation Strategy Facilitate defence and security	Design options should minimise the change to tracks over the ground of aircraft arriving and departing from Aberdeen.	Design options should investigate the feasibility of steeper approaches for PBN arrivals to reduce the noise footprint of Aberdeen Airport's operation.	Arrival route options should enable aircraft to descend continuously and should not inhibit departures from climbing continuously. If both cannot be achieved, there should be preference to the most environmentally beneficial option.	emissions footprint of aircraft operating at Aberdeen by reviewing existing controlled	Design the appropriate volume of controlled airspace (CAS) to safely support commercial air transport and release controlled airspace which is not required	of operations, and should explore measures, including classification and flexible use of	where possible enhance the air	Ensure the Aberdeen operation is resilient to the withdrawal or failure of navigation aids and systems.
he swathes of arrivals to runway (34). ed centrelines final approach arrivals are to a closing n the Localiser. e joining final and 12nm from gh there are this.	The airspace design is expected to be as safe or safer than today with no safety concerns at this time	See DP1	hethodology - doi	ing nothing woul	noise Id not meet any of th See DP3, DP4, DP5 DP6, DP9 and DP10	Option not expected to	Option is not expected to result in any changes to tracks over the ground compared to today	Doing nothing means no RNP Approaches and therefore no opportunity to investigate PBN arrivals with steeper approaches.	There would be no change to the profiles or inbound of outbound aircraft as a result of this option.	Doing nothing will not change track miles for Aberdeen traffic compared to today.	Option is expected to be contained within existing CAS but does not enable a reduction in CAS.	Option is not expected to lead to a change in airspace classification or enable flexible use of airspace. Pilots that require a transit of the CTR/CTA are always welcome to contact ABZ ATC and request a clearance to enter CAS.	that lack of resilience enabled by PBN approaches could result in delays and	Option does not provide additional resilience
an RNP APCH groach as they fference would LS, the arrivals here they join m 8nm and rivals would be approach in the Initial Fix (IF). e has been arrivals would approximately ctored arrival th the baseline.		See DP1	See DP7 and DP8	See DP9 and DP10	See DP3, DP4, DP5 DP6, DP9 and DP10	Option not expected to affect defence and security objectives	Option is expected to result in very minimial changes to tracks over the ground compared to the baseline as aircraft would be vectored to final approach as today. Whilst they will be vectored towards a fixed Waypoint (IF) rather than localiser which is more flexible, the low number of arrivals expected to use the PBN Approaches is not expected to result in any concentration of tracks. The IF would be located where the majority of ILS arrvials currently join the Localiser	This option would be able to be accommodate a 3.2° VPA. However please see the Stage 2A submission document for notes on benefits of a steeper VPA versus safety assurances and airline feedback.	This option should enable aircraft to descend continuously and should not inhibit departures from climbing continuously.	This option is not expected to change track mileage compared to the baseline.	Option is expected to be contained within existing CAS but the option itself does not enable a reduction in CAS The option would be compatible with CAS option 1 which proposes to raise a portion of CTA 3 to 4500ft	Option itself is not expected to lead to a change in airspace classification or enable flexible use of airspace. Pilots that require a transit of the CTR/CTA are always welcome to contact ABZ ATC and request a clearance to enter CAS. The option would be compatible with CAS Option 1 which proposes to raise a portion of CTA 3 to 4500ft	Option is not expected to affect the ATM capacity of Aberdeen Airport. We note that increased resilience enabled by PBN approaches helps to reduce delays and diversions however this is not necesseril a capacity measure.	Option provides additional resilience in the event of an ILS, DME, NDB or VOR
an RNP APCH nitial Approach base-leg from pproach. The have been se track miles in the most n part of the ne, consistent The T-Bars are r water, but nhill would be won to a similar baseline.	The airspace design is expected to be as safe or safer than today with no safety concerns at this time subject to satisfactory IFP Validation	See DP1	See DP7 and DP8	See DP9 and DP10	See DP3, DP4, DP5 DP6, DP9 and DP10	' Lattert detence	Option could result in some concentration of tracks but over areas currently routinely overflown by Aberdeen traffic on baseleg	This option would be able to be accommodate a 3.2° VPA. However please see the Stage 2A submission document for notes on benefits of a steeper VPA versus safety assurances and airline feedback.	This option should enable aircraft to descend continuously and should not inhibit departures from climbing continuously.	Taking the typical track miles flown from each of the 4 arrival points there would be a cumulative track mile reduction of c.2nm compared to an arrival from each direction being vectored to an ILS approach in the baseline.	existing CAS but the option itself does not enable a reduction in CAS	Option itself is not expected to lead to a change in airspace classification or enable flexible use of airspace. Pilots that require a transit of the CTR/CTA are always welcome to contact ABZ ATC and request a clearance to enter CAS. The option would be compatible with CAS Option 1 which proposes to raise a portion of CTA 3 to 4500ft	Option is not expected to affect the ATM capacity of Aberdeen Airport. We note that increased resilience enabled by PBN approaches helps to reduce delays and diversions however this is not necesseril a capacity measure.	Option provides additional resilience in the event of an ILS, DME, NDB or VOR
an RNP APCH ed with 'Radius ality vectored proach Fix (IAF) I to the East of allows aircraft I radius around Final Approach rter track miles the tracks in the sitioned to be d then around ever that Cove flown according of overflight, enabled by RF t would very I the arc onto e communities wn by arrivals, not within the n base leg and ties could be ce a change in erflight.	The airspace design is expected to be as safe or safer than today with no safety concerns at this time subject to satisfactory IFP Validation	See DP1	See DP7 and DP8	See DP9 and DP10	See DP3, DP4, DP5 DP6, DP9 and DP10		the curved approach is over water and the	This option would be able to be accommodate a 3.2° VPA. However please see the Stage 2A submission document for notes on benefits of a steeper VPA versus safety assurances and airline feedback.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Taking the typical track miles flown from each of the 2 arrival points that would service this option there would be a cumulative track mile reduction of c.8nm compared to an arrival from the same 2 directions when being vectored to an ILS approach in the baseline. Note however this option would be used by a relatively small number of Helicopter arrivals with very few fixed wing arrivals	Option is expected to be contained within existing CAS but the option itself does not enable a reduction in CAS The option would be compatible with CAS Option 1 which proposes to raise a portion of CTA 3 to 4500ft	Option itself is not expected to lead to a change in airspace classification or enable flexible use of airspace. Pilots that require a transit of the CTR/CTA are always welcome to contact ABZ ATC and request a clearance to enter CAS. The option would be compatible with CAS Option 3 which proposes to raise a portion of CTA 3 to 4500h	Option is not expected to affect the ATM capacity of Aberdeen Airport. We note that increased resilience enabled by PBM approaches helps to reduce delays and diversions however this is not necesseril a capacity measure.	Option provides additional resilience in the event of an ILS, DME, NDB or VOR



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		safety	Secure the	delays by better managing the	performance	c defence and security		Aberdeen Airport's operation.			required	appropriate, to improve access and decrease airspace segregation.		
	The airspace design is expected to be as safe or safer than today with no safety concerns at this time		See DP7 and DP8	DP10	See DP3, DP4, DP5, DP6, DP9 and DP10	 affect defence and security objectives 	Option is not expected to result in any changes to tracks over the ground compared to today	N/A	Option is not expected to change CCO or CDO performance compared to today		Option is expected to be contained within existing CAS but does not enable a reduction in CAS	Option is not expected to lead to a change in airspace classification or enable flexible use of airspace. Pilots that require a transit of the CTR/CTA are always welcome to contact ABZ ATC and request a clearance to enter CAS.	Option is not expected to affect the ATM capacity of Aberdeen Airport	N/A
CTA 3 It any on. n of	to be as safe or safer than today with no safety concerns at this time, further investigation is required to ensure that	See DP1	See DP7 and DP8		See DP9 and DP10	Option not	Option is not expected to result in any changes to tracks over the ground compared to today as analysis of radar data suggests the profiles or aircraft arriving and departing Aberdeen are currently above this volume.	N/A	Option is not expected to change CCO or CDO performance compared to today	Option is not expected to change track miles for Aberdeen traffic compared to today	Option is expected to enable a reduction in CAS compared to today	Option could enable a change in Classification of airspace to a lower classification	Option is not expected to affect the ATM capacity of Aberdeen Airport	N/A