**SAFETY AND AIRSPACE REGULATION GROUP**

Airspace Regulation and ATM

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## CAA LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE FOR ACP 2020-092 STAGE 5 SAFETY REVIEW

The CAA has reviewed the sponsor's safety assessment for ACP 2020-92. Under CAP 1616 this letter serves as the summary of the CAA's safety review for this ACP. The changes proposed in an ACP must, 'maintain a high standard of safety in the provision of air traffic services'[1]. Accordingly, the proposal will not be accepted unless it improves or maintains safety.

The review has considered, but was not limited to the following key areas:

In respect of air traffic control resource and infrastructure

The CAA is satisfied that the ACP sponsor has demonstrated that the ACP will be safely supported through air traffic control resource and infrastructure.

In respect of air traffic control procedures

The CAA is satisfied that the ACP sponsor has demonstrated safety regarding the concept of operations. However, there has not been enough information provided, at this stage, to make a full safety assessment. The CAA are content that mature procedure changes (MATS Part 2 and LoAs) where appropriate, should be captured within ANSPs existing and approved Change Management and SMS processes and will have Regulatory oversight and Approval, where appropriate, prior to introduction.

In respect of the airspace design

The CAA is satisfied that the ACP sponsor has demonstrated safety.

Conditions of acceptance

The CAA does not have any conditions.

[1] S.70(1) Transport Act 2000

Conclusion(s)

The CAA has reviewed the ACP sponsor's safety assessment and is satisfied that the proposed changes meet the safety requirement under s70(1) Transport Act 2000.

This acceptance does not mean that the ACP has been approved. Before approving an ACP, the CAA must consider all the presented material factors[2] and have regard to them as a whole.

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[2] S.70(2) Transport Act 2000