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Dear ██████████

RE: ACOG Advice to the Co-sponsors (CAA and DfT) on the proposed withdrawal of Aberdeen Airport from the UK Airspace Modernisation Masterplan

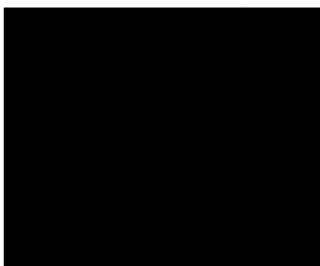
Thank you for ACOG's advice, received 3rd May 2023, on the proposed withdrawal of Aberdeen's FASI Airspace Change Proposal ([ACP-2019-82](#)) from the airspace change masterplan.

We understand from the advice that since Aberdeen's proposal was initiated, changes that NERL had proposed to the network (above 7,000 ft) that would have required coordination with Aberdeen are no longer being progressed. This means there are no interdependencies with other ACPs in the Scottish cluster. The scope of the remaining ACP is therefore, in ACOG's view, not of strategic importance to airspace modernisation in the UK, but it continues to make a valuable contribution to the realisation of the Airspace Modernisation Strategy (AMS). The co-sponsors have considered this advice and have **accepted** the rationale for removing Aberdeen from the coordinated masterplanning process.

Given the uncertainties around the timing of Iteration 3, we will publish ACOG's advice and our response in an updated addendum to Iteration 2 of the masterplan (CAP2312A Addendum). For the purposes of CAP1616 gateway and resource planning, we accept from here on that the Aberdeen ACP will now follow an independent timeline. This means that submission of materials for the Stage 3 gateway will **not** be conditional on Iteration 3 of the masterplan being assessed and accepted. Any further timeline change requests should be communicated between the sponsor (Aberdeen) and CAA Airspace Regulation.

We also note that Aberdeen have agreed to provide regular updates to the Department for Transport on their ongoing progress so that the benefits achieved from them modernising their airspace can be captured and communicated as part of the wider programme.

Kind regards,



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