

Dear Stakeholder,

**Aviation stakeholder engagement part 2, to support [ACP-2023-015](#) Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust feasibility flights within a trial Temporary Danger Area (TDA).**

I am writing to you on behalf of Apian, a medical logistics startup founded by NHS doctors with support from the NHS Clinical Entrepreneur Programme. We work on behalf of the NHS to operationalise uncrewed air system (UAS) technology, and research its impact on patient health outcomes and staff wellbeing.

You will likely be aware that a previous engagement period has already taken place, ending in September, and you may have responded to provide feedback to us. We received over 150 responses, conducted visits to various stakeholder sites and ran a 'town hall' event, which allowed us to speak directly with the aviation community about their ideas, concerns and expectations. We would like to thank everyone who took the time to respond. The feedback we received was very useful, and gave us an improved understanding of flying in the local area and how our proposed TDA may impact that.

In particular, some important safety issues were raised by the aviation community. We have assessed each piece of feedback in detail. As a direct result of this feedback and detailed discussions, we have made extensive changes to the TDA from what was previously proposed. We would like to assure all stakeholders that the proposal has been updated to address the concerns raised during the first engagement, particularly those related to safety.

We remain committed to working with all stakeholders who may have an interest in this project, and we believe that the new proposal is a good solution. It responds to and addresses the feedback we have received so far, while still providing the NHS with the breadth and scope of operations to serve the use cases they are exploring. The NHS continues to explore the benefits that could come from integrating UAS technology into its logistics.

The accompanying slides provide more detail about the adjusted proposed TDA and the changes we have made in response to feedback. Thank you once again to all those who took the time to respond in the first round of engagement.

This targeted stakeholder engagement period will take place between 27th October and 8th December 2023. We welcome all feedback, comments and/or suggestions relating to the safety and operational aspects of this proposal. Please use [this link to provide feedback](#). Every comment will be read and taken into consideration, and every piece of feedback received will be included in the final submission to the CAA. All details of this airspace change proposal are also available on the [CAA's Airspace Change Portal](#).

If you have any further questions or would like to discuss the project in further detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,  
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