

Endorsement Statement for East Midlands Airport's Approach to Stage 2 of CAP 1616 for its Airspace Change Programme

The Consultation Institute has overseen EMA's engagement on Develop and Assess, Stage 2 of CAP1616, and endorses its approach.

This has involved commenting on the Engagement Plan and then its implementation. We have examined documentation, reports and other inputs. We have not been able directly to observe any of the Workshops or Focus Groups.

We have worked at an arms-length distance with EMA; this procedure is predominantly retrospective. Throughout the process the main point of contact has been the Future Airspace Consultation Manager.

Key elements of the engagement have been split between EMA staff (for engagement with stakeholder organisations and elected representatives) and a third-party supplier, YouGov.

The engagement work carried out by EMA staff has been thorough and professional. YouGov's work has been found to be of a high standard, diligent and robust. The reports produced cover highly complex and detailed concepts, with many maps, graphs and tables; we judge them to be well reasoned, and conveyed in as clear and accessible language as the content permits, thereby offering robust evidence of the successful engagement.

We provided direct advice and guidance to EMA, signing off on the following elements:

- Stage 2 Engagement Plan
- Stage 2 phase 1 engagement materials: pre-read, presentation and accompanying script
- Feedback reports from YouGov and EMA Stage 2 phase 1 engagement sessions
- Stage 2 phase 2 engagement materials on departure route options: pre-read materials, presentation, accompanying script and survey
- Stage 2 phase 2 engagement materials on arrivals route options: presentation, accompanying script and survey
- Feedback reports from YouGov and EMA Stage 2 phase 2 engagement sessions
- Stage 2 Summary Report and Stakeholder Engagement Report and appendices.

The Institute is satisfied that the approach taken aligns with our best practice standards and has been delivered with a high degree of care and attention. We



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believe that the responses and inputs from stakeholders (at workshops) and the general public (through professionally recruited Focus Groups) across two phases, have been successfully captured in this report and the supporting documents; the resulting Route Options therefore, to our satisfaction, comply with the Statement of Need, Design Principles and Engagement Plan.

The Consultation Institute
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