

## ACP-2021-056 London Heathrow Airport FASI

### Stage 2 'Develop & Assess' Gateway Outcome – 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

[STATEMENT]

As part of Stage 2 'Develop & Assess' of the CAP 1616 airspace change process, the UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) has completed a 'Develop & Assess' Gateway Assessment of London Heathrow Airport's airspace change proposal (ACP) – London Heathrow Airport FASI (ACP-2021-056).

In order for the CAA to allow an ACP to pass through the Develop & Assess Gateway:

1. The change sponsor must have produced a comprehensive list of airspace change design options;
2. The change sponsor must have engaged with relevant stakeholders to explore those options to the CAA's satisfaction against the requirements in Appendix C;
3. The change sponsor must have produced a design principle evaluation that the CAA has accepted, showing how its design options have responded to the design principles;
4. The change sponsor must have produced an Initial options appraisal (phase I);
5. The CAA must have produced and then published an assessment that the options appraisal is satisfactory against the requirements in Appendix E.

At the Gateway assessment for this proposal, the CAA concluded that Criteria 2 was not met for the following reasons:

**Criterion 2: the change sponsor must have engaged with relevant stakeholders to explore those options to the CAA's satisfaction against the requirements in Appendix C;**

- Having engaged on a proposed shortlisting approach to its initial options appraisal, and invited stakeholders to provide feedback on that approach, the change sponsor then took a different approach on which it had not engaged and had not given stakeholders an opportunity to provide feedback on.
- More information is required from the change sponsor with regard to its summary of feedback, to ensure that all feedback is captured and responded to consistently.

The CAA has informed the change sponsor of this decision. In line with CAP 1616, the change sponsor is now able to reconsider its submission before resubmitting it for further review by the CAA at a future Develop & Assess Gateway.

It is important to note that whether an ACP passes a Gateway successfully or not does not predetermine the CAA's later final decision on whether to approve the airspace change proposal. This decision is not an explicit or implicit comment on the merits or otherwise of this ACP. This will come at the decision-making stage (Stage 5 - DECIDE).

[END STATEMENT]