



# DAP1916 - Statement of Need

Tracking Code: CRSF2BL

## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

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☒ Please ensure the contents of CAP 1616 Appendix A are referred to prior to completing this form. \*

## TYPE OF CHANGE

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### 1. Category of Airspace Change

Does your proposal concern Changes to Notified Airspace Design or Planned and Permanent Redistribution of Air Traffic? \*

☒ Changes to Notified Airspace Design ☐ Planned and Permanent Redistribution of Air Traffic

☒ Have you previously submitted a Statement of Need?

Please enter a title for this intended change, (max 80 characters - the title should be succinct and include a location (where appropriate)): \*

Enabling T&E Activity of Protector in UK Airspace Spring/Summer 2024

### 2. Title of proposal

Which of the following categories is the proposal being progressed under? \*

☐ Permanent ☐ Temporary ☒ Trial

If known, please provide the ACP/PPR reference number (###-YYYY-NNN)

ACP-2023-047

Please provide your rationale for submitting a revised Statement of Need below: \*

The requirement has been reassessed and a new SON agreed at the Assessment Meeting.

## SPONSOR

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### 3. Change Sponsor Details

Please select the appropriate category and complete. \*

- ☒ A Company
- ☐ An Unincorporated Association or other body
- ☐ Individual (including sole traders and partnerships)

#### 3a. A Company

Registered Company name (in full) \*

Ministry of Defence

Registered Company Number

Trading Address (primary site)

Trading name (if applicable)

E-mail

Postcode

Registered Office Address

Country of Company Registration

Country

Postcode

Email \*

Confirm Email \*

☐ Do you require access to the CAA's Airspace Change Portal?

Telephone \*

07503 424749

Primary Point of Contact Name \*

Website address

**Additional Contacts**

You can add up to 4 additional contacts (this is useful to ensure that periods of absence are covered)

**Contact 1**

Contact Name \*

☐ Do you require access to the CAA's Airspace Change Portal?

Telephone \*

Email \*

Confirm Email \*

 DELETE CONTACT

**Contact 2**

Contact Name \*

☐ Do you require access to the CAA's Airspace Change Portal?

Telephone \*

Email \*

Confirm Email \*

 DELETE CONTACT

 Add Contact

**STATEMENT OF NEED**

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**Independent Aviation/Airspace Consultancy**

☐ Is an Independent Aviation/Airspace Consultancy involved in this proposal?

**Statement of Need**

Please complete the following four sections.

What is the objective of the proposed change? \*

The RAF will commence flight of Protector in the UK late in 2023, when it will initially be flown under a military permit to fly (MPTF). The airspace integration safety argument (AISA) for in-service flight will not be in place until delivery of the Release to Service (RTS), anticipated late 2024. Delivery of the RTS is dependent on specific evidence which will be gathered through UK test and evaluation scheduled to commence once new permanent segregated airspace is in place as proposed under ACP-2019-18. Access to a nominated diversion airfield is required during this evidence-gathering T&E activity, where flight outside classes A and C airspace will be necessary.

Please provide a summary of the issue or opportunity this proposal is seeking to address including any safety, operational, technical, environmental or economic factors. \*

- Requirement is to ensure access to a diversion airfield for the duration of Protector T&E activity;
- Provisional timeline May – Aug 2024;
- 2 planned flights into diversion airfield, use thereafter is on an as required basis for real-time diversions only;
- Managed within the limits of imposed Airspace Control Measures and Aircraft Limitations as described in a military permit to fly (MPTF);
- Only one airfield would be subject to the ACP and a decision regarding which airfield is expected imminently;
- This will be a Trial airspace design for ACP-2023-022

Please provide a description of the current airspace design (i.e. the airspace structure and flight procedures) relevant to this proposal. \*

Outside the Main Operating Base, there is currently no segregated structure in Class G airspace within which Protector can enter/exit a diversion airfield from Class A/C airspace.

Please provide a description of the current prevailing air traffic situation (i.e. frequency and number of movements) and an indication of estimated forecast growth (where applicable). \*

The nominated diversion airfield is yet to be confirmed; therefore, the current prevailing traffic situation cannot be stated.

#### Five-Letter Name Codes (5LNC)

- ☐ Does this request solely concern the reservation of new Five-Letter Name Codes (5LNC) in advance of a future proposal?

#### Secretary of State for Transport's priorities

- ☐ Is the proposal being progressed under any of the priorities set by the Secretary of State for Transport or any other CAA priority such as safety or national security?

#### Airspace Modernisation Strategy \*

- ☒ Is the proposal supporting the delivery of the Airspace Modernisation Strategy? If not, please use the text box below to explain how the proposal is not inconsistent with the Airspace Modernisation Strategy

#### Additional Information

Please use the box below to add any further information which the CAA should be aware of when considering this submission (for example dependencies on other airspace change proposals, proposed operating date(s) and/or funding deadlines)

## SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

## Submission

Your form has been successfully submitted. Please keep a copy of this acknowledgement for your records.

Date and Time:

29 Sep 2023 1:40:48 PM

Application Submission Number:

DAP1916V2-898

Please note that the Airspace Regulation team will contact you to acknowledge receipt of your Statement of Need and to confirm the unique ACP reference number (ACP-YYYY-NNN) allocated to this submission. Following receipt of your unique ACP reference number, you will be required to create an associated airspace change proposal on the **CAA's Airspace Change Portal** (<https://airspacechange.caa.co.uk/>). Please refer to CAP 2385 Airspace Change Portal Important Information Guide.

Given the high number of new airspace change proposals (ACP), together with those proposals which are already in the system, it is possible that the proposal may not be assigned to a Technical Regulator/Account Manager immediately following submission of the Statement of Need. New proposals are allocated on a first come first served basis, unless the proposal is directly related to safety or national security matters, or as directed by the Secretary of State for Transport's priorities.

Once your submission has been assigned to an Account Manager/Case Officer, arrangements will be made for you to attend an Assessment Meeting. One of the key outputs from this meeting will be an indicative timeline for the proposed PPR. For Permanent changes, to enable the CAA to consider your proposed timescales, you will be expected to present dates for the following milestones at the Assessment Meeting:

- DEFINE Gateway
- DEVELOP & ASSESS Gateway
- CONSULT Gateway
- Formal Airspace Change Proposal Submission
- DECIDE Gateway
- Target AIRAC

The CAA holds Gateway Assessment Meetings on a monthly basis and the annual schedule is published on the **CAA's airspace change portal** (<https://airspacechange.caa.co.uk/about-airspace-change/>).

Finally, you should also note that from September 2018 any amendments submitted by a Data Originator or ANSP for onward promulgation in the UK IAIP will be subject to the Aeronautical Data Quality Requirements. See Regulation (EU) No. 73/2010 as retained (and amended in UK domestic law) under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 and **CAP 1054: Aeronautical Information Management** (<https://publicapps.caa.co.uk/modalapplication.aspx?appid=11&mode=detail&id=6808>) guidance material for further information. These requirements will be discussed in greater details during the course of your initial meeting with the CAA.

When you have completed this form, click this button to submit the form for processing. Do not click this button more than once. You will then be provided with further instructions.