



# DAP1916 - Statement of Need

Tracking Code: **F53SDF2**

## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

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- ☒ Please ensure the contents of CAP 1616f, Guidance on airspace change process for permanent airspace change proposals 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)): \*

RAF Honington ATZ ARP Position and Radius Change

### 2. Title of proposal

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

- ☒ Permanent ☐ Temporary ☐ Trial

## 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)

#### 3b. An Unincorporated Association

Name of Unincorporated Association or other body \*

Royal Air Force

Postcode

IP31 1EE

Country

UK

Town/City

Bury St Edmunds

Address

RAF Honington

Telephone

[REDACTED]

E-mail

[REDACTED]@mod.gov.uk

Website address

Primary Point of Contact Name \*

Wing Commander [REDACTED]

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

Telephone \*

[REDACTED]

Email \*

[REDACTED]@mod.gov.uk

Confirm Email \*

[REDACTED]@mod.gov.uk

### Additional Contacts

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

**+** Add Contact

## STATEMENT OF NEED

### 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? \*

ENR 2.2: To relocate the ATZ centre (ARP) for RAF Honington approximately 500m to the West. Increase the ATZ radius to 2.5NM iaw the ANO. Amend the operating times from just Sat-Sun to also include Public Holidays.  
ENR 5.5: To relocate the Gliding Site centre for RAF Honington approximately 500m to the West.  
ENR 5.1: As a second order consequence of the above, the FRZ (EGRU234A-C) boundaries detailed in ENR 5.1 would also need to be changed.

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

RAF Honington has undergone a change of use and is now a Tier 1 Military Aerodrome iaw Military Aviation Authority (MAA) Regulatory Article (RA) 1010. An up to date aeronautical survey completed under the CAP 232 and Measured Heights Survey framework has produced new runway data. The Aerodrome Reference Point and centre of the ATZ is historically recorded in the Civ AIP at 522036N 0004648E; however, the survey has calculated that the ARP should be at 522034N 0004622E. Additionally, the runway length is now 2745m in length and therefore as per the ANO, the ATZ radius should be 2.5NM as opposed to the current published radius of 2.0NM. With the ARP moving this will also affect the gliding site and FRZ centres in ENR 5.5 and 5.1 respectively. The ATZ is only published as active at weekends; however, this is also requested to include Public Holidays. The ARP and runway lengths were updated in the Mil AIP as part of the 03/24 AIRAC Cycle.

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

Current ARP 522036N 0004648E and ATZ radius 2.0NM. ATZ is only active at weekends and at other times by NOTAM.

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). \*

Usage midweek is very adhoc with tactical transport and Air Mobility (A400M) and helicopter movements. Weekend and Public Holidays the site is used by 611 Volunteer Gliding Squadron (VGS). There is no request to permanently activate the ATZ during the normal week.

- ☐ Are you submitting this Statement of Need to complete an Applicability and Policy Alignment Check (please refer to CAP 1616 version 5, paragraphs 2.8 to 2.11 for further details)?

#### Instrument Flight Procedures

- ☐ Does your proposal have the potential to include a change to and/or new IFPs?

#### 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?

#### CAP 1616h Pre-Scaled Airspace Change Proposals

- ☐ Does your proposed change to airspace design fall within scope of one of the Pre-Scaled Airspace Change Proposals detailed in the appendices within CAP 1616h?

#### DVOR / DME / NDB Rationalisation - RNAV Substitution

- ☐ Is the proposal being progressed against the requirements set out in CAP1781: VOR / DME / NDB Rationalisation: Guidance for the use of RNAV Substitution?

#### 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

This is simply a change to reflect the correct ARP of the location and the radius of the ATZ to comply with the ANO.

#### 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

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### Submission

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

Date and Time:

08 Apr 2024 3:58:42 PM

Application Submission Number:

DAP1916V2-1095

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.