

## Safety and Airspace Regulation Group



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Dear [REDACTED]

We are writing to provide you with an update on ACP-2019-86 - Biggin Hill Airport RNAV (GNSS) Runway 21, submitted to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) for assessment last year.

Enabling growth and innovation in the UK Aviation and Aerospace sector is a key focus for the UK Civil Aviation Authority so we are committed to carrying out the next applicable review stage of ACP-2019-86.

As you may be aware, the Airspace Regulation team have experienced significant resource challenges over the past few years. This has particularly affected the Instrument Flight Procedures (IFP) team where the specialist technical skills required are in short supply. The resource issues accompanied by a growing portfolio have unfortunately led to a sizeable backlog of work, including the assessment of ACP submissions, assessment of Periodic Reviews and other essential policy and rulemaking activities. In light of these challenges, we have had to carefully review our priorities following the principles set out in [CAP 2541](#) – Principle for prioritisation of airspace change proposals. Based on this, we expect to commence the assessment of your submission by mid-August 2025.

We fully appreciate that this extended timeline will cause disruption to your schedule and is disappointing news, however, we want to reassure you that we have taken steps to resolve our current backlog. This includes recruiting additional staff and restructuring our team to improve capacity and efficiency. We value your understanding and patience during this time. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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Airspace Regulator (Technical)