



DAP1916 - Statement of Need

Tracking Code: 6N2YYNJ

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- ☐ 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

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

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

- ☒ Permanent ☐ Temporary ☐ Trial

2. Title of proposal

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

Change location of Kirknewton Visual Reference Point

- ☐ Have you previously submitted a Statement of Need?

SPONSOR

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) *

Air Navigation Solutions Ltd

Registered Company Number

9166111

Trading Address (primary site)

Trading name (if applicable)

E-mail

Postcode

RH6 0PA

Registered Office Address

The Beehive, Beehive Ring Road,

Country of Company Registration

United Kingdom

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

RH6 0PA

Email *

Confirm Email *

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

Telephone *

Primary Point of Contact Name *

Website address

The Beehive, Beehive Ring Road,

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. For administrative changes to the Aeronautical Information Publication, please complete relevant questions accordingly and mark the rest as "Not Applicable".

What is the objective of the proposed change? *

Following an Airprox in 2024, ANSL and the UK Airprox Board recommended that VRPs in the Edinburgh CTR be reviewed. Following the review the change is requested to ensure that the KIRKNEWTON Visual Reference Point (VRP) is differentiated from KIRKNEWTON AIRFIELD. A VRP is still required in that area for co-ordination and routing guidance even when Kirknewton airfield is not active.
The objective is to replace the existing KIRKNEWTON VRP (555315.00N 0032505.00W) with a new one at KIRKNEWTON RAILWAY STATION (555319.74N 0032601.54W).
The new VRP is situated approximately 0.5nm to the WNW of the existing VRP.

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

The key reason for the change is safety - to prevent confusion to airspace users and to facilitate clearer ATC instructions for transits across the CTR.
The other element is that the existing VRP does not effectively meet the requirements detailed in the policy statement for the establishment of VRPs in that it is not based upon a prominent ground feature.

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

Existing VRP at Kirknewton (555315.00N 0032505.00W).

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). *

It is believed that the current air traffic situation will not be impacted by this change. Use of this type of VRP is associated with VFR transit traffic and this is dependent on weather and requests for transits, which cannot be predicted but Edinburgh ATC facilitate as much as possible. Refusal of transits via the existing VRP are low and are normally due to activity at Kirknewton airfield.

☐ 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

Supports the facilitation of airspace management to safely integrate VFR transits of Class D airspace (Edinburgh CTR).

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:

23 Jan 2025 12:55:07 PM

Application Submission Number:

DAP1916V2-1422

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 ACP. For Permanent changes (Level 1 and Level 2 only), 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.