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As you are aware Gatwick Airport is currently sponsoring an airspace change proposal under the CAP1616 process to review the Route 4 SIDs. As articulated in the Statement of Need, the purpose of this change is:

“Gatwick Airport is now undertaking a new airspace change proposal involving a review and if appropriate redesign of the Route 4 SIDs taking into account the relevant aspects of the Consent Order”

The Consent Order referred to above is in relation to the resolution of the judicial review proceedings regarding the CAA’s decision on the conventional SIDs on that route during the PIR.

It has recently come to our attention that the assessment meeting minutes stated that the proposal would not consider the conventional SIDs. Given the Statement of Need and the context of the Consent Order, this cannot be correct.

Consequently, and for the avoidance of doubt, the CAA confirms that it is a requirement of our letter of 9 February 2018 that GAL undertake a review of the conventional SIDs in accordance with the CAP1616 process. The CAA will not permit the ACP to progress through the Stage 1 Gateway without appropriate design principles considering the conventional SIDs.

Yours sincerely,

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