

ACP-2023-061 Decision Letter – Extension to duration of trial

20 Feb 2025

Dear Sponsor,

**NOTIFICATION OF THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY'S DECISION FOR REQUESTED  
EXTENSION TO TRIAL DURATION (ACP-2023-061) LONDON HEALTHCARE BRIDGE –  
GUY'S AND ST THOMAS' NHS FOUNDATION TRUST**

1. On behalf of the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), I am writing to you in relation to the Airspace Change Proposal (ACP) titled "London Healthcare Bridge – Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust (ACP-2023-061)". I can confirm that the CAA has concluded its assessment of the request for this trial to be extended, and the decision outcome is **APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**.

**DURATION OF TRIAL AND INCREASE TO VOLUME OF FLIGHTS**

2. The extension of the duration of the trial by six months, and an increase to the number of daily flights (from 10 to 40), is approved. The extension will commence immediately upon expiry of the current AIC, with no break, for a further 6 months. The extended total duration of the trial will be 1 year from 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024 to 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025 (inclusive).

**CONDITIONS TO BE MET PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTATION**

3. The following conditions must be met **before the TRA can be activated and operations commence**:

**a. Technical**

- i. All stakeholder groups must be informed of the CAA's regulatory decision regarding the extension. Relevant stakeholders should be made fully aware of the contents of any related Temporary Operating Instructions, and specifically the actions to take should access to the area of the CTR covered by the TRA be required.

**b. ATM/ATS**

- i. Final, signed, versions of the revised [REDACTED] LoA, [REDACTED] TOI and APSA are to be submitted to the CAA. This should include any changes that were made and agreed by the CAA during the trial.

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**c. Engagement and Consultation**

- i. The change sponsor is required to provide evidence to the CAA that all stakeholders have been informed of the proposed change to planned operations (including extension of the effective period of the trial, expected frequency and timings of UAS flights), together with the change sponsor's contact details in order that stakeholders can relay any queries or complaints. The list of stakeholders to be informed must include noise sensitive receptors, identified as residences, schools, hospitals and places of worship.
- ii. Prior to commencement of the trial extension, written confirmation should have been received from the relevant CAA department, via your allocated ACP Account Manager, that the above conditions have been satisfactorily met.

**CONDITIONS TO BE MET DURING THE OPERATIONAL PHASE OF THE TRIAL**

4. The following conditions must be met during the operational phase of the trial:

**d. Technical**

- i. Should the sponsor satisfy themselves that they have completed all the necessary flights before the end of the TRA publication period, they are to withdraw the AIC for the TRA immediately via Aurora (or, if the sponsor is unable to complete this process themselves, the CAA is to be notified that the AIC can be withdrawn).

**e. Environmental**

- i. The sponsor must provide 3-D trajectory data at intervals of 1, 3 and 6 months for all UAS flights conducted during the trial period. The 3-D data must be submitted in .csv format and must include the latitude, longitude and height coordinates correlated with the date and time of the individual flights, together with GIS (Esri shape file and/or .kmz)

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format to show the flight trajectories. The data must be submitted to the CAA during the trial period at the end of each elapsed month.

**f. Engagement and Consultation**

- i. The change sponsor must continue to collate, monitor, and report to the CAA on the level and contents of feedback received during the period of the trial extension. The CAA expects **monthly** reporting on the level and contents of any stakeholder feedback throughout second six months of the trial (this should include nil returns). The change sponsor should send these reports to the assigned Account Manager/Case Officer.

5. If you have any questions regarding the conditions outlined above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

