



DAP1916 - Statement of Need

Tracking Code: FZZJRJ9

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)): *

Enabling Protector Access to/from RNAS Yeovilton

- 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)

3b. An Unincorporated Association

Name of Unincorporated Association or other body *

Ministry of Defence

Postcode

Country

Town/City

Address

E-mail

Website address

Primary Point of Contact Name *

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

Telephone *

Email *

Confirm Email *

Additional Contacts

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

Contact 1

Contact Name *

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

Telephone *

Email *

Confirm Email *

 DELETE CONTACT

+ 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? *

Facilitate access to RNAS Yeovilton for the MALE RPAS, Protector.

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

Protector is currently limited to operating at only 2 military airfields in the UK. To enable access to an additional location, RNAS Yeovilton, this ACP aims to establish suitable airspace for safe and efficient entry/exit to the airfield. Due to the performance of onboard systems, together with the air system flight profiles and surrounding airspace classification, an ACP is the appropriate process to support safe integration of Protector into the national airspace structures and in accordance with current military flying regulations.

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

RNAS Yeovilton is surrounded by class G airspace and has a MATZ (5nm, SFC to 3000'). Westlands/Yeovil airfield is situated 4nm to the South (ATZ 2NM, SFC to 2000'), with RNAS Merryfield is 12nm to the West. Air Refuelling Area 10 (East) is directly above the RNAS Yeovilton, with a lower limit of FL80.

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). *

RNAS is home to 100+ aircraft, including the Fleet Air Arm Wildcat Maritime Force and the Commando Helicopter Force, facilitating visual and instrument circuits at the aerodrome and general handling operations in the local vicinity. The surrounding traffic situation, together with growth forecasts will be provided at latter stages of the ACP.

Performance-based Navigation (PBN)

Does your proposal include potential changes to/addition of IFPs, ATS routes or free route airspace based on PBN?

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?

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 an MOD requirement.

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)

Note that the CAA is required to ensure the Sponsor has provided assurance that the change will maintain a high standard of safety (in accordance with CAA direction under S.70(1) Transport Act 2000).

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Submission

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

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