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I refer to your letter of 5 July 2019.

Noting the lengthy history of Route 4 airspace change, the CAA considers that it would have been in the interest of the public for Gatwick Airport to have undertaken the CAP1616 process such that local communities would be consulted in any potential movement of traffic that your decision may cause.

However, noting that the CAA cannot compel Gatwick Airport to undertake an airspace change, as you state in your letter the CAA will have no option other than take a decision as to whether the Modified Route 4 RNAV-1 SID has achieved the objective of the 2012 ACP following the notification of the conventional SID to its location as at 6 April 2017.

The CAA will then not require the conventional SID to be included in the 2018 ACP and the ACP could proceed to the next Gateway as proposed.

Yours sincerely,

Manager Airspace Regulation