

**MINUTES OF LONDON HEALTH BRIDGE - ACP-2023-061 EXPANSION ASSESSMENT MEETING
HELD ONLINE ON 11TH FEBRUARY 2026**

13 February 2026

Present	Appointment	Representing
[REDACTED]	Airspace Change Account Manager	CAA
[REDACTED]	Airspace Regulator (Technical)	CAA
[REDACTED]	Airspace Regulator (Engagement and Consultation)	CAA
[REDACTED]	Airspace Regulator (Environment)	CAA
[REDACTED]	Inspector ATS (Operations)	CAA
[REDACTED]	Inspector ATS (Operations)	CAA
[REDACTED]	Airspace Lead	Apian
[REDACTED]	Regulation Lead	Apian
[REDACTED]	Head of Regulatory Affairs (EMEA)	Matternet
[REDACTED]	UK Operations Lead	Matternet

Apologies

[REDACTED]	Principal Inspector ATM	CAA
[REDACTED]	Principal Inspector Southern Region	CAA
[REDACTED]	Airspace Regulator (Technical)	CAA
[REDACTED]	Test and Evaluation Lead	CAA
[REDACTED]	Chief Aviation Officer	Apian

CAA Assessment Meeting (Airspace Trial) Opening Statement

CAA noted that the Statement of Need and Assessment Meeting Agenda were received in advance of the Assessment Meeting and confirmed that the documents must be published by the sponsor, together with minutes of the meeting, on the Airspace Change Portal page. CAA explained the purpose of the meeting and confirmed that the meeting was an Assessment Meeting. The CAA reinforced that the sponsor was required to provide a broad description of their proposed approach to meet the CAA's CAP 1616 Airspace Trial requirements, but the CAA was not deciding whether the proposed approach met the detailed requirements of the CAA's process at this stage. The purpose of the Assessment Meeting (set out in detail in CAP 1616) was broadly:

- for the sponsor to present and discuss their Statement of Need,
- to enable the CAA to consider whether the proposal concerned falls within the scope of the formal airspace change process.

Additionally, the sponsor was required to provide information on how it intended to proceed to fulfil the requirements of the airspace change process and to provide information on timescales. Lastly, the sponsor was required to provide information on how it intended to meet the engagement requirements of the airspace change process.

	ACTION
<p>Item 1 – Introduction</p> <p>All meeting attendees introduced themselves. The CAA Airspace Change Account Manager (ACAM) confirmed they would provide a follow-up list detailing the names and role titles of all CAA personnel in attendance.</p> <p>Airspace Change Account Manager stated that this proposal would be treated as an assessment as directed by Manager AR.</p>	<p>CAA</p>

<p>Apian Airspace Lead informed the group that while NATS was not in attendance for this session, they had provided a formal statement. This statement reaffirmed NATS' continued support for Apian's current operations and their commitment to supporting future project developments.</p> <p>Airspace Change Account Manager read the formal opening statement for the assessment meeting and no questions were raised.</p> <p>Apian's Airspace Lead provided a summary of Apian's background and operational history. This included a briefing on the "London Health Bridge" project between Guy's and St Thomas' Hospitals (GSTT). It was noted that over 6,000 patient samples have been successfully delivered to date, with positive impacts on patient care and experience.</p>	
<p>Item 2 – Statement of Need (discussion and review)</p> <p>Apian Airspace Lead provided a summary of the Statement of Need. The CAA raised no questions or comments regarding this.</p>	
<p>Item 3 – Issues or opportunities arising from proposed change</p> <p>Apian Airspace Lead presented the Issues and Opportunities as per the slides.</p> <p>Airspace Regulator (Technical) requested clarification on the claim that the project presents "proportionate enhancement with no new safety, technical, or environmental risks" beyond those in ACP-2023-061. The Airspace Lead confirmed that because the proposed site addition requires only minor adjustments, Apian does not anticipate any incremental risks to the existing trial framework.</p>	
<p>Item 4 – Process requirements</p> <p>The Apian Airspace Lead detailed the proposed operational process, noting that stakeholder engagement has been ongoing since the launch of London Health Bridge. It was emphasised that while aviation stakeholders should remain unchanged, Apian is prepared to identify and include additional aviation and community stakeholders in the engagement plan as necessary.</p> <p>The Airspace Regulator (Engagement and Consultation) sought confirmation that the current methodology, specifically covering schools, places of worship, and noise-sensitive areas, is being applied. Apian confirmed this is the case. Additionally, the Airspace Regulator (Engagement and Consultation) inquired about the timeline for sharing the community engagement strategy. They advised that if CAA feedback is required, Apian should submit it promptly due to limited lead times, directing them to the template provided in Appendix B.</p> <p>The Inspector ATS (Operations) advised Apian to consider the current workload at London Heliport when conducting stakeholder outreach. While noting that the proposed area does not directly conflict with their primary operations, the Inspector suggested that this context should be factored into any engagement.</p>	
<p>Item 5 – Provisional timescales*</p> <p>The Apian Airspace Lead presented the provisional timelines for the ACP-2023-061 adjustment. The Airspace Regulator (Consultation & Engagement) noted that stakeholder engagement must align with CAP 1616G, Chapter 5, which outlines requirements for Stage 3 engagement.</p> <p>When queried on the engagement duration, Apian proposed a two-week period, citing the minor nature of the TRA design adjustments and ongoing, established working relationships with aviation stakeholders. However, the Regulator highlighted that Paragraph 5.11 of CAP 1616G suggests six</p>	

weeks as a standard starting point, while CAP 2989 states it should be a minimum of four weeks. The Regulator advised that any deviation from these timelines in the final submission must be comprehensively justified.

** The timeline agreed may become subject to change by the CAA. As outlined in CAP 2541 it is not the CAA's intent to conduct a re-prioritisation of all ACPs currently in progress, but only to prioritise when we believe this is required. Such prioritisation will be conducted on a case-by-case basis and in accordance with the principles outlined in CAP 2541. Should it be considered necessary to reprioritise an ACP a member of the Airspace Regulation team will contact the sponsor directly.*

Post-meeting note: The following timeline has since been approved

	Agreed Gateway Date
Formal ACP Submission	13th March 2026
Decide Gateway	10th April 2026
Target AIC	28th May 2026

Item 6 – Next steps

Next steps were discussed.

Apian will provide draft minutes to the CAA by 18th February 2026 to be reviewed and uploaded to the ACP portal by the 25th February 2026.

The Airspace Change Account Manager will confirm if the timeline has been approved.

Post-meeting note: Timeline has since been approved (see item 5)

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Item 7 – Any other business

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The Airspace Regulator (Technical) enquired about the proposed duration of the trial. Apian confirmed they intend to align the new site's timeline with the existing TRA, which has been extended until February 2027. When asked if alternative airspace designs were being considered, Apian Airspace Lead confirmed that the current proposal is the only one under evaluation.

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**ACTIONS ARISING FROM ACP-2023-061 LONDON HEALTH BRIDGE ADJUSTMENT
ASSESSMENT MEETING**

Subject	Name	Action	Deadline
Attendee names and roles	Airspace Change Account Manager	Share CAA names and roles with Apian	Complete
Meeting minutes	Airspace Regulator (Technical)	CAA to review minutes	18 February 2026
ACP and timelines	Airspace Regulator (Technical)	CAA to confirm meets ACP Trial requirements and timelines	25 February 2026
Stakeholder Engagement Plan	Apian	If time permits Apian will send it to CAA for feedback.	As required.
Minutes and Presentation	Apian	Apian to redact and upload presentation and minutes to ACP portal	25 February 2026

[Apian]
ACP Sponsor