



# Ministry of Defence

## NOTES FROM A MEETING HELD ON 26 MARCH 2026

### ACP-2024-028

27 March 2026

Distribution List:

All attendees

**Present**



**Appointment**

Airspace Regulator (Technical)  
Account Manager  
ACP Change Manager  
ATM & Airspace Consultant

**Representing**

CAA  
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Item 1 – Introduction	Actions
<p>All attendees introduced themselves.</p>	
<p><b>Item 2 – Current Statement of Need</b></p> <p>The Change Manager described the SON as follows:</p> <p>Due to an enduring requirement to enable routine test and calibration of RPAS on-board equipment, segregated airspace is needed, within which this activity can be conducted. EGD207 is the preferred location for Protector test and calibration operations, due to its geographical location and the requisite ground-based equipment in-situ.</p> <p>The existing Danger Area construct is insufficient to accommodate the flight profiles required to conduct the activities; thus an additional volume of airspace is proposed to enable flexible and efficient short periods of utilisation.</p>	
<p><b>Item 3 – Background to the additional requirements</b></p> <p>The Change Manager explained ACP-2024-028 is currently at Stage 2 of the CAP1616 Airspace Change Process and preparing to commence the formal engagement for the review of the Baseline and Design Options.</p>	

<p>Engagement with Holbeach AWR revealed that while evaluating the airspace for Protector activity, subject to Programme approval, it would be prudent to consider the activity of all platforms utilising EGD207 as beneficial to the MoD's wider operational objectives.</p> <p>Via DAATM, several MoD and partner Forces requirements were received and presented to CAA, proposed to be included in the Design Options at Stage 2.</p> <p>The Change Manager highlighted precedence set on ACP-2019-18, 'Enabling RPAS and RAF Aerobatic Team Operations Out of RAF Waddington'. SON Version 1 was submitted specifying Protector activity only; however, following MoD direction to relocate RAFAT to RAF Waddington, the Change Manager of said ACP obtained CAA approval, between Stage 1 and Stage 2, to amend the SON to include RAFAT requirements.</p>	<p><b>CAA – To review the decision making actions taken for the change in scope of ACP-2019-18.</b></p> <p>■ – To review submissions made to the CAA as part of the change to the ACP.</p>
<p><b>Item 3 – Review of Statement of Need to include current range activity</b></p> <p>It was determined that (subject to CAA approval) an amendment to the Statement of Need would be required.</p> <p>The Change Manager agreed that a Version 3 Statement of Need would be submitted following approval from the CAA.</p> <p><b>Post meeting addition</b> Due to the SON change, ACP-2024-028 will also be renamed.</p>	<p><b>CAA – Decision required on the approval of the change in scope</b></p> <p>■ – Submit updated Statement of Need</p> <p>■ – Propose new ACP title</p>
<p><b>Item 4 – Review of the Design Principles (DPs)</b></p> <p>The CAA requested that the Change Sponsor reviews the DPs and identified stakeholders to ensure they remain applicable to the revised SON.</p> <p>The Change Manager will submit supplementary documentation to --assist in the CAA's decision making.</p>	<p>■ – Provide formal assessment of DPs and stakeholders.</p>
<p><b>Item 5 – Review of ACP timelines</b></p> <p>The Change Manager confirmed that as Stage 2 formal engagement had not commenced (and following the precedent of ACP-2019-18), the current ACP timelines were still achievable to meet the requirements of CAP1616.</p>	

<p>The Change Manager stated that design options would be finalised in the next week, subject to CAA approval, and engagement would commence with the inclusion of wider D207 utilisation by mid/late April, (current timeline agreement).</p> <p>The CAA explained that should they approve the change, the engagement documentation, and all subsequent ACP documentation should clearly outline the change in scope of the ACP.</p>	
<p><b>Item 6 – Next Steps</b></p> <p>The CAA will review the process followed for ACP-2019-018 and engage with the ACP Decision Maker to present the Change Manager’s request.</p> <p>The Change Manager will collate information from the sponsor’s actions from ACP-2019-18 and provide a breakdown to the CAA.</p> <p>The CAA Change Manager agreed to communicate via email post-meeting and agree any further next steps.</p> <p><b>Post Meeting addition</b></p> <p>The Change Manager provided the CAA with a breakdown of documentation and actions taken during ACP-2019-18 change request.</p> <p>The CAA replied with further next steps.</p>	<p><b>MOD – Complete next steps and submit to Account Manager.</b></p>
<p><b>Item 7 – Any Other Business</b></p> <p>No other business</p>	
<p><b>Meeting Closed</b></p>	

**CAA Note: On receipt of these Minutes, a copy of the revised Statement of Need (version 3) and the letter titled “ACP-2024-028 Revised SoN – Letter 20260327” from the Change Sponsor, the CAA determined that the change in scope of the ACP could be undertaken without detriment to stakeholders and while remaining within the CAP1616 process. The CAA agreed that the Design Principles and stakeholder list developed and agreed in Stage 1 remain valid and do not require amendment. In the interests of transparency, the Change Sponsor will be required to fully explain the amendment to the SoN and change in scope of the ACP during Stage 2 engagement. This change should be considered an integral part of the “ACP story” that must be explained and justified adequately at each stage of the ACP as it progresses further through the ACP process.**