Safety & Airspace Regulation Group
Airspace, Air Traffic Management and Aerodromes Division

15th September 2026

Ref: ACP-2025-050 - Gatwick ILS Replacement and Relocation

Dear Sponsor,

The Department for Transport (DfT) has now published its Air Navigation Directions (AND) 2026 and Air Navigation Guidance (ANG) 2026 both of which come into effect on 1st October 2026. In light the changes to Government policy within the ANG 2026 and AND 2026, the CAA has also published a revised airspace change process (CAP 1616 version 6) which has an effective date of 1st October 2026

The DfT has set out the criteria for the applicability of the ANG 2026 when it becomes effective, and how this applies to Airspace Change Proposals (ACPs) which commence after the effective date and those currently in progress (ANG 2026 paragraph 11 refers), with Direction 4 of AND 2026 requiring that procedures and guidance developed by the CAA must reflect Government policies. This letter sets out how the DfT criteria applies to your ACP process in accordance with ANG 2026.

As your ACP is a Level 3 ACP, due to the low impact of your proposal and work undertaken to date, you should remain on ANG 2017 and CAP 1616 version 5.1. To comply with the ANG 2026 you must submit your proposal to the CAA for a decision by 31st July 2031.

If you wish to move to ANG 2026 and CAP 1616 version 6, please write to the CAA setting out your request no later than 31st January 2027.

If we do not receive a request by 31st January 2027, we will proceed on the basis that your proposal will not transition to CAP1616 version 6. If you no longer wish to progress your ACP, you are required to notify the CAA.

We intend to publish this letter on the CAA airspace change portal on the 1st October 2026.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your proposal, please contact your account manager.

Yours sincerely

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