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2B: Design Principle Evaluation, Options Assessment

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1. Introduction

1.1 This document forms part of the document set required in accordance with the requirements of the CAP1616 airspace change process.

1.2 This document aims to provide adequate evidence to satisfy Stage 2 Develop and Assess Gateway, Step 2B Options Appraisal.

1.3 It is advised that this document is read alongside the Stage 2A Design Options Document which gives diagrams and descriptions of each option.

1.4 The following six proposals for changes to the route structure in the ScTMA were considered (as presented in the Assess Briefing).

1. Change to EGPF hold (LANAK) to accommodate proposed routes.
2. EGPH/PF arrivals and departures from/to east (SAB/NATEB).
3. Additional Class D CAS to the east of the EGPH CTA & Scottish TMA to facilitate new route(s) to the east of the EDIBO hold.
4. Dual track structure on Y96
5. Three track inbound route structure from the south serving EGPH/PF,
6. Three track structure going southbound from EGPF

These proposals and the baseline (extant) enroute airspace structure were tested during real time simulations with traffic levels grown to forecast 2025 levels. For all the proposals except the proposal to move the LANAK hold, it was demonstrated that the extant enroute structure was able to cope with the airports EGPH, EGPF, EGPK new routes and grown traffic levels. As such it was determined that the extant airspace would continue to be fit for purpose up to at least 2025, hence proposals 2-6 were rejected and will not be progressed.

Proposal 1 to move the LANAK hold has demonstrated benefits and will be progressed.

2. Options Assessment: Design Principle Evaluation

2.1 Proposal 1 - Move LANAK Hold.

Table 1 below summarises the impacts/benefits of the options evaluated. This table is based on the proforma CAP1616 Appendix E, page 166. The degree to which the design principle has been met is indicated by the following colour coding:

Green – MET (change represents a benefit/improvement)
Yellow – PARTIAL (or no change in impacts)
Red – NOT MET (design principle not met or change represents a detriment)

Design Principle Evaluation: Move LANAK Hold		
Proposal 1, Option No: 1 Do nothing		REJECT
Retain the current LANAK hold for arrivals to EGPF – no change to current hold		
Design Principle	Summary of assessment	MET?
Safety	No change. Controller intervention required. In order to maintain the same level of safety as traffic levels increase, capacity will have to be restricted, which may result in delays.	NOT MET
CO ₂ emissions	No change, no reduction in emissions.	NOT MET
Minimise the volume of CAS	No change, no new CAS required. CAS kept to minimum	MET
Impact on GA	No change, no impact on GA.	MET
Impact on MoD	No change, no impact on MoD	MET
Route systemisation/ RNAV1	No change, routes not systemised.	NOT MET
Avoidance of other airspace	No change	MET
Air traffic controller workload	No change (but identified as High workload)	NOT MET
Pilot workload	No change	MET
Airspace capacity	No increase in airspace capacity	NOT MET
Airport/runway capacity	No change	MET
Climb profiles	No change, climb profiles not improved	NOT MET
Descent profiles	No change, descent profiles not improved	NOT MET
Flight planning/fuel uplift	No change, no improvement in flight plan route/ fuel uplift.	NOT MET

Table 1: Proposal 1, Option No: 1 Do nothing


Proposal 1, Option No: 2 Move the LANAK hold to H1		REJECT
<p>Move the LANAK hold to the position H1 dictated by the EGPF route design (as shown in Design Options doc, Fig 1).. This option was tested during real-time simulations. (Note the proposed new position of the hold was agreed with EGPF, and was constrained by the EGPF and EGPH departure routes (as proposed in their separate ACPs), hence other positions for the hold were not able to be considered).</p>		
Design Principle	Summary of assessment	MET?
Safety	Safety benefit – arrivals and departures better separated than extant. This will improve safety performance.	MET
CO ₂ emissions	Minimal impact. Not yet quantified.	PARTIAL
Minimise the volume of CAS	No change, CAS required is kept to minimum	MET
Impact on GA	No change	MET
Impact on MoD	No change	MET
Route systemisation/ RNAV1	Improves systemisation/ RNAV1 routes & hold used	MET
Avoidance of other airspace	No change	MET
Air traffic controller workload	With traffic entering the hold at H1 it created some conflict between inbound and outbound traffic	NOT MET
Pilot workload	No change	MET
Airspace capacity	With traffic entering the hold at H1 it created some conflict between inbound and outbound traffic.	NOT MET
Airport/runway capacity	No change	MET
Climb profiles	Climb profile will be improved for departures when LANAK hold is being used	MET
Descent profiles	Some changes to descent profiles may occur as a result of the airport ACPs. This is independent of the hold position.	PARTIAL
Flight planning/fuel uplift	Improvements in climb profiles will bring benefits in fuel uplift.	MET

Table 2: Proposal 1, Option No: 2

Proposal 1, Option No: 3 Move the LANAK hold to H1 with entry at H2.		ACCEPT
<p>Move the LANAK hold to the position H1 (dictated by the EGPF route design) but with entry via point H2. (as shown in Design Options doc, Fig 2). This option was tested during real-time simulations. (Note the proposed new position of the hold was agreed with EGPF, and was constrained by the EGPF and EGPH departure routes (as proposed in their separate ACPs), By routing the inbounds via H2 this removed the conflict between the between inbound and outbound traffic. This also ensures that aircraft enter the hold using a direct entry procedure which results in improved containment, and hence a smaller protected area.</p>		
Design Principle	Summary of assessment	MET?
Safety	Safety benefit – arrivals and departures procedurally separated. This will improve safety performance.	MET
CO ₂ emissions	Minimal impact. Not yet quantified.	PARTIAL
Minimise the volume of CAS	No change, CAS required is kept to minimum	MET
Impact on GA	No change	MET
Impact on MoD	No change	MET
Route systemisation/ RNAV1	Improves systemisation/ RNAV1 routes & hold used	MET
Avoidance of other airspace	No change	MET
Air traffic controller workload	With traffic entering the hold at H2 inbound and outbound traffic was better separated and ATC workload is reduced from extant.	MET
Pilot workload	No change	MET
Airspace capacity	Capacity increased.	MET
Airport/runway capacity	No change	MET
Climb profiles	Climb profile will be improved for departures when LANAK hold is being used	MET
Descent profiles	Some changes to descent profiles may occur as a result of the airport ACPs. This is independent of the hold position.	PARTIAL
Flight planning/fuel uplift	Improvements in climb profiles will bring benefits in fuel uplift.	MET

Table 3: Proposal 1, Option No: 3

As a result of the assessment Proposal 1 to move the LANAK hold has been evaluated as beneficial and will be progressed, with option 3 being the preferred option.

2.2 Safety Assessment – Proposal 1 Option 3 (preferred)

- 2.3 Currently departures from EGPH can require intervention from ATC to deconflict them from the LANAK hold.
- 2.4 The Proposal 1 Option 3 design would reduce/remove the requirement for controller intervention for EGPH departures when climbing against the LANAK hold.
- 2.5 By allowing typical aircraft using the airspace to make use of their existing navigational capability (RNAV1) these routes could be safely segregated. The H2 entry point results in a more consistent and predictable hold entry. This ensures better track-keeping conformance for aircraft when entering the

hold, which in turn requires a smaller protected area for the hold. Segregation of the hold from proximate routes is thus more easily achieved.

2.6 The improved systemisation results in reduction in the complexity of the airspace. A reduction in complexity for the same amount of air traffic would result in fewer controller interactions and a lower RT loading. This results in a reduction in controller workload which in turn will result in a commensurate improvement in safety.

2.7 **Safety Assessment Conclusion**

2.8 There would be a positive impact on safety whilst also increasing the capacity of the airspace because more traffic could be safely handled with fewer controller interactions.

2.9 Proposal 2 – EGPB/PF arrivals and departures from/to east (St Abbs CTA)

Design Principle Evaluation: EGPB/PF arrivals and departures from/to east (St Abbs CTA)		
Proposal 2, Option No.1 Do nothing		ACCEPT
Do not introduce new CAS, controllers will tactically separate traffic outbound from EGPB routing south via LEPRA from inbounds from the south (including EDIBO hold).		
Design Principle	Summary of assessment	MET?
Safety	No change. This was tested extensively during real time simulation with traffic levels grown to 2025 forecast levels. These traffic levels could be accommodated safely.	MET
CO ₂ emissions	No change, no reduction in emissions.	NOT MET
Minimise the volume of CAS	CAS required is kept to minimum	MET
Impact on GA	No change, no impact on GA.	MET
Impact on MoD	No change, no impact on MoD	MET
Route systemisation/ RNAV1	The EGPB change is introducing systemised RNAV1 routes. However controller intervention may be required if holding at EDIBO.	PARTIAL
Avoidance of other airspace	No change	MET
Air traffic controller workload	No change to current operations, but more workload than if the LAMMA triangle were introduced.	NOT MET
Pilot workload	No change	MET
Airspace capacity	Airspace capacity demonstrated to be sufficient at least until 2025	MET
Airport/runway capacity	No change	MET
Climb profiles	The EGPB proposal will improve climb profiles. Not introducing this new CAS will not impact this.	MET
Descent profiles	The EGPB proposal will improve descent profiles. Not introducing this new CAS will not impact this.	MET
Flight planning/fuel uplift	No change, no improvement in flight plan route/ fuel uplift.	NOT MET

Table 4: Proposal 2, Option No.1 Do nothing

Proposal 2, Option No: 2 Introduce "St Abbs CTA" new CAS		REJECT
Introduce new CAS "St Abbs CTA" (as shown in Design Options doc, Fig 3) to facilitate to the introduction of three new ATS routes from LEPR, EDIBO and TLA to MADAD. The CAS above FL110 would enable these three routes to be established to allow flights from Scotland to Northern Europe and beyond to flight plan shorter routes via St Abbs across the North Sea.		
Design Principle	Summary of assessment	MET?
Safety	New CAS protects the proposed routes.	MET
CO ₂ emissions	Shorter route between LEPR & E4, will reduce CO ₂ emissions.	MET
Minimise the volume of CAS	Increase in CAS required.	NOT MET
Impact on GA	Increase in CAS will reduce UCAS and impact GA.	NOT MET
Impact on MoD	Increase in CAS will reduce UCAS and impact MoD by reducing the size of TRA007A.	NOT MET
Route systemisation/ RNAV1	Improves systemisation/ RNAV1 routes & hold used	MET
Avoidance of other airspace	TRA007A would have to be modified.	NOT MET
Air traffic controller workload	Reduced ATC workload	MET
Pilot workload	No change	MET
Airspace capacity	Will have a positive impact on capacity.	MET
Airport/runway capacity	No change	MET
Climb profiles	Climb profile improved	MET
Descent profiles	The EGPW proposal will improve descent profiles. Introducing this new CAS will not impact this.	MET
Flight planning/fuel uplift	Improvement due to reduced track mileage	MET

Table 5: Proposal 2, Option No: 2

Assessment during real time simulations demonstrated that Proposal 2 to introduce the St Abbs CTA new CAS was not required. The current enroute airspace has been demonstrated to be fit for purpose for traffic levels up to 2025. Hence Proposal 2 will not be progressed.

2.10 Proposal 3 – LAMMA Triangle new CAS

Additional Class D CAS to the east of the EGPB CTA & Scottish TMA to facilitate new route(s) to the east of the EDIBO hold (aka LAMMA triangle).

Design Principle Evaluation: LAMMA Triangle new CAS		
Proposal 3, Option No.1 Do nothing		ACCEPT
Do not introduce new CAS, controllers will tactically separate traffic outbound from EGPB (routing south via LEPR) from inbounds from the south (including EDIBO hold).		
Design Principle	Summary of assessment	MET?
Safety	No change. The extant enroute airspace was tested extensively during real time simulation with traffic levels grown to 2025 forecast levels. The extant airspace was able to accommodate these traffic levels safely.	MET
CO ₂ emissions	No change, no reduction in emissions.	NOT MET
Minimise the volume of CAS	CAS required is kept to minimum	MET
Impact on GA	No change, no impact on GA.	MET
Impact on MoD	No change, no impact on MoD	MET
Route systemisation/ RNAV1	The EGPB change is introducing systemised RNAV1 routes. However controller intervention may be required if inbounds are holding at EDIBO.	PARTIAL
Avoidance of other airspace	No change	MET
Air traffic controller workload	No change to current operations, but more workload than if the LAMMA triangle were introduced.	NOT MET
Pilot workload	No change	MET
Airspace capacity	Airspace capacity demonstrated to be sufficient at least until 2025	MET
Airport/runway capacity	No change	MET
Climb profiles	The EGPB proposal will improve climb profiles. Not introducing this new CAS will not impact this.	MET
Descent profiles	The EGPB proposal will improve descent profiles. Not introducing this new CAS will not impact this.	MET
Flight planning/fuel uplift	No change, no improvement in flight plan route/ fuel uplift.	NOT MET

Table 6: Proposal 2, Option No.1 Do nothing

Proposal 3, Option No: 2 Introduce LAMMA triangle of CAS		REJECT
<p>"LAMMA Triangle" of new CAS (as shown in Design Options doc, Fig 4) to facilitate to the introduction of a new ATS route from LEPR A to point E4 (east of HAVEN, north of IPSAD). This route would facilitate departures from EGPH to be separated from the EDIBO hold with no necessity for controller intervention.</p>		
Design Principles		
Safety	Arrivals and departures procedurally separated.	MET
CO ₂ emissions	Shorter route between LEPR A & E4, will reduce CO ₂ emissions.	MET
Minimise the volume of CAS	Increase in CAS required.	NOT MET
Impact on GA	Increase in CAS will reduce UCAS and impact GA.	NOT MET
Impact on MoD	Increase in CAS will reduce UCAS and impact MoD by reducing the size of TRA007A.	NOT MET
Route systemisation/ RNAV1	Improves systemisation/ RNAV1 routes & hold used	MET
Avoidance of other airspace	TRA007A would have to be modified.	NOT MET
Air traffic controller workload	Reduced ATC workload	MET
Pilot workload	No change	MET
Airspace capacity	Will have a positive impact on capacity.	MET
Airport/runway capacity	No change	MET
Climb profiles	Climb profile improved	MET
Descent profiles	The EGPH proposal will improve descent profiles. Introducing this new CAS will not impact this.	MET
Flight planning/fuel uplift	Improvement due to reduced track mileage	MET

Table 7: Proposal 2, Option No: 2

Assessment during real time simulations demonstrated that Proposal 2 to introduce the LAMMA triangle of CAS was not required. The current enroute airspace has been demonstrated to be fit for purpose for traffic levels up to 2025. **Hence Proposal 2 will not be progressed.**

2.11 Proposal 4 – Dual track structure on Y96

Proposed introduction of a dual ATS route structure between HAVEN and NATEB. This would provide systemised routes for arrivals & departures to/from EGPH, EGPF and EGPK.

Design Principle Evaluation: Dual track structure on Y96		
Proposal 4, Option No.1 Do nothing		ACCEPT
Do not introduce dual routes and continue to use Y96 as extant, vectoring traffic as required to maintain separation.		
Design Principle	Summary of assessment	MET?
Safety	No change. The extant enroute airspace was tested extensively during real time simulation with traffic levels grown to 2025 forecast levels. The extant airspace was able to accommodate these traffic levels safely.	MET
CO ₂ emissions	No change, no reduction in emissions.	NOT MET
Minimise the volume of CAS	CAS required is kept to minimum	MET
Impact on GA	No change, no impact on GA.	MET
Impact on MoD	No change, no impact on MoD	MET
Route systemisation/ RNAV1	Extant single route Y96 does not provide systemisation without controller intervention.	NOT MET
Avoidance of other airspace	No change	MET
Air traffic controller workload	No change to current operations, but more workload than if the systemised dual routes were introduced.	NOT MET
Pilot workload	No change	MET
Airspace capacity	Airspace capacity demonstrated to be sufficient at least until 2025	MET
Airport/runway capacity	No change	MET
Climb profiles	The EGPH proposal will improve climb profiles. Not introducing this proposal will not impact this.	MET
Descent profiles	The EGPH proposal will improve descent profiles. Not introducing this proposal will not impact this.	MET
Flight planning/fuel uplift	No change, no improvement in flight plan route/ fuel uplift.	NOT MET

Table 8: Proposal 2, Option No.1 Do nothing

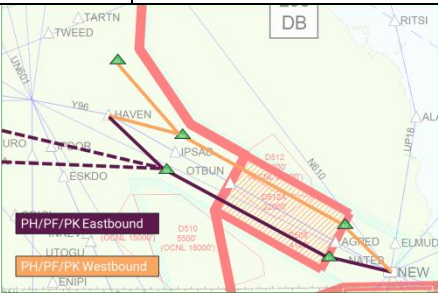
Proposal 4, Option No: 2 Dual track structure on Y96		REJECT
Introduction of a dual ATS route structure between HAVEN and NATEB (as shown in Design Options doc, Fig 5). This would provide systemised routes for arrivals & departures to/from EGPH, EGPF and EGPK through NATEB.		
Design Principles		
Safety	Arrivals and departures procedurally separated.	MET
CO ₂ emissions	Longer routes between HAVEN & NATEB, will reduce increase CO ₂ emissions.	NOT MET
Minimise the volume of CAS	No change in CAS volume required.	NOT MET
Impact on GA	Increase in CAS will reduce UCAS and impact GA.	NOT MET
Impact on MoD	Increase in CAS will reduce UCAS and impact MoD by reducing the size of TRA007A.	NOT MET
Route systemisation/ RNAV1	Improves systemisation/ RNAV1 routes & hold used	MET
Avoidance of other airspace	No change	MET
Air traffic controller workload	Reduced ATC workload	MET
Pilot workload	No change	MET
Airspace capacity	Will have a positive impact on capacity.	MET
Airport/runway capacity	No change	MET
Climb profiles	Climb profile improved	MET
Descent profiles	The EGPH proposal will improve descent profiles. Introducing this proposal will not impact this.	MET
Flight planning/fuel uplift	Increase fuel uplift due to increase in track mileage	NOT MET

Table 9: Proposal 4, Option No: 2

Assessment during real time simulations demonstrated that Proposal 4 to introduce dual ATS route structure between HAVEN and NATEB was not required. The current enroute airspace has been demonstrated to be fit for purpose for traffic levels up to 2025. **Hence Proposal 4 will not be progressed.**

2.12 Proposal 5 – Three track inbound route structure from the south serving EGPH/PF

Introduction of three track inbound route structure from the south serving EGPH/PF to systemise the flows of arrivals to the ScTMA from the south.

Design Principle Evaluation: Three track inbound route structure from the south serving EGPH/PF		
Proposal 5, Option No.1 Do nothing		ACCEPT
Do not introduce proposed 3 routes from the south and continue to use the extant routes.		
Design Principle	Summary of assessment	MET?
Safety	No change. The extant enroute airspace was tested extensively during real time simulation with traffic levels grown to 2025 forecast levels. The extant airspace was able to accommodate these traffic levels safely.	MET
CO ₂ emissions	No change, no reduction in emissions.	NOT MET
Minimise the volume of CAS	CAS required is kept to minimum	MET
Impact on GA	No change, no impact on GA.	MET
Impact on MoD	No change, no impact on MoD	MET
Route systemisation/ RNAV1	No change.	NOT MET
Avoidance of other airspace	No change	MET
Air traffic controller workload	No change to current operations, but more workload than if the systemised dual routes were introduced.	NOT MET
Pilot workload	No change	MET
Airspace capacity	Airspace capacity demonstrated to be sufficient at least until 2025	MET
Airport/runway capacity	No change	MET
Climb profiles	The EGPF proposal will improve climb profiles. Not introducing this proposal will not impact this.	MET
Descent profiles	The EGPF proposal will improve descent profiles. Not introducing this proposal will not impact this.	MET
Flight planning/fuel uplift	No change, no improvement in flight plan route/ fuel uplift.	NOT MET

Table 10: Proposal 5, Option No.1 Do nothing

Proposal 5, Option No: 2 Three track inbound route structure from the south serving EGPH/PF		REJECT
<p>Introduction of three track inbound route structure from the south serving EGPH/PF to systemise the flows of arrivals to the ScTMA from the south (as shown in Design Options doc, Fig 6).</p>		
Design Principles		
Safety	Arrivals and departures procedurally separated.	MET
CO ₂ emissions	CO ₂ emissions not assessed.	NOT MET
Minimise the volume of CAS	No change in CAS volume required.	NOT MET
Impact on GA	Increase in CAS will reduce UCAS and impact GA.	NOT MET
Impact on MoD	Increase in CAS will reduce UCAS and impact MoD by reducing the size of TRA007A.	NOT MET
Route systemisation/ RNAV1	Improves systemisation/ RNAV1 routes & hold used	MET
Avoidance of other airspace	No change	MET
Air traffic controller workload	Reduced ATC workload	MET
Pilot workload	No change	MET
Airspace capacity	Will have a positive impact on capacity.	MET
Airport/runway capacity	No change	MET
Climb profiles	Climb profile improved	MET
Descent profiles	The EGPH proposal will improve descent profiles. Introducing this proposal will not impact this.	MET
Flight planning/fuel uplift	Increase fuel uplift due to increase in track mileage	NOT MET

Table 11: Proposal 5, Option No: 2

Assessment during real time simulations demonstrated that Proposal 5 to introduce a three track inbound route structure from the south serving EGPH/PF to systemise the flows of arrivals to the ScTMA from the south was not required. The current enroute airspace has been demonstrated to be fit for purpose for traffic levels up to 2025. Hence proposal 5 will not be progressed.

2.13 Proposal 6 – Three track structure going southbound from EGPF

Additional Class D CAS to the east of the EGPH CTA & Scottish TMA to facilitate new route(s) to the east of

Design Principle Evaluation: Three track structure southbound from EGPF		
Proposal 6, Option No.1 Do nothing		ACCEPT
Do not introduce proposed 3 routes from the south and continue to use the extant routes.		
Design Principle	Summary of assessment	MET?
Safety	No change. The extant enroute airspace was tested extensively during real time simulation with traffic levels grown to 2025 forecast levels. The extant airspace was able to accommodate these traffic levels safely.	MET
CO ₂ emissions	No change, no reduction in emissions.	NOT MET
Minimise the volume of CAS	CAS required is kept to minimum	MET
Impact on GA	No change, no impact on GA.	MET
Impact on MoD	No change, no impact on MoD	MET
Route systemisation/ RNAV1	No change.	NOT MET
Avoidance of other airspace	No change	MET
Air traffic controller workload	No change to current operations, but more workload than if the systemised proposed routes were introduced.	NOT MET
Pilot workload	No change	MET
Airspace capacity	Airspace capacity demonstrated to be sufficient at least until 2025	MET
Airport/runway capacity	No change	MET
Climb profiles	The EGPF proposal will improve climb profiles. Not introducing this proposal will not impact this.	MET
Descent profiles	The EGPF proposal will improve descent profiles. Not introducing this proposal will not impact this.	MET
Flight planning/fuel uplift	No change, no improvement in flight plan route/ fuel uplift.	NOT MET

Table 12: Proposal 6, Option No.1 Do nothing

Proposal 6, Option No: 2 Three track structure going southbound from EGPF		REJECT
Introduction of a three track outbound route structure to the south serving EGPF. This is designed to systemise the flows of departures from to the ScTMA to the south (as shown in Design Options doc, Fig 7).		
Design Principles		
Safety	Arrivals and departures procedurally separated.	MET
CO ₂ emissions	CO ₂ emissions not assessed.	NOT MET
Minimise the volume of CAS	Increase in CAS volume required.	NOT MET
Impact on GA	Increase in CAS will reduce UCAS and impact GA.	NOT MET
Impact on MoD	Increase in CAS will reduce UCAS and impact MoD by reducing the size of TRA004.	NOT MET
Route systemisation/ RNAV1	Improves systemisation/ RNAV1 routes & hold used	MET
Avoidance of other airspace	No change	MET
Air traffic controller workload	Reduced ATC workload	MET
Pilot workload	No change	MET
Airspace capacity	Will have a positive impact on capacity.	MET
Airport/runway capacity	No change	MET
Climb profiles	Climb profile improved	MET
Descent profiles	The EGPH proposal will improve descent profiles. Introducing this proposal will not impact this.	MET
Flight planning/fuel uplift	Increase fuel uplift due to increase in track mileage	NOT MET

Table 13: Proposal 5, Option No: 2

Assessment during real time simulations demonstrated that Proposal 6 to introduce a three track outbound route structure to the south serving EGPF was not required. The current enroute airspace has been demonstrated to be fit for purpose for traffic levels up to 2025. **Hence proposal 6 will not be progressed.**

2.14 Proposal 7 – Additional ATS Routes

In order to provide flexibility and network resilience for traffic using the SIDs and STARs as proposed by EGPH, EGPF and EGPK in their separate ACPs it may be beneficial to introduce additional low level ATS routes.

Design Principle Evaluation: ATS Routes GOW-TRN and MAVIX-S1		
Proposal 7, Option No.1 Do nothing		REJECT
Do not introduce proposed route from GOW – TRN and MAVIX-S1.		
Design Principle	Summary of assessment	MET?
Safety	No impact on safety.	MET
CO ₂ emissions	No change, no reduction in emissions.	NOT MET
Minimise the volume of CAS	CAS required is kept to minimum	MET
Impact on GA	No change, no impact on GA.	MET
Impact on MoD	No change, no impact on MoD	MET
Route systemisation/ RNAV1	No change.	NOT MET
Avoidance of other airspace	No change	MET
Air traffic controller workload	No change to current operations, but more workload than if the systemised proposed routes were introduced.	NOT MET
Pilot workload	No change	MET
Airspace capacity	Delivery of EGPH departures on BEMAS/EMJEE SIDs to GOW could impact capacity in this area. Resilience not optimal without the proposed routes.	PARTIAL
Airport/runway capacity	No change	MET
Climb profiles	No change.	MET
Descent profiles	No change.	MET
Flight planning/fuel uplift	No change, no improvement in flight plan route/ fuel uplift.	NOT MET

Table 14: Proposal 7, Option No.1 Do nothing

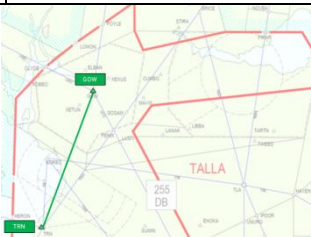
Proposal 7, Option No: 2 Introduce ATS Routes GOW-TRN		ACCEPT
Introduce proposed ATS route from GOW –TRN.		
Design Principle	Summary of assessment	MET?
Safety	No impact on safety.	MET
CO ₂ emissions	CO ₂ emissions not yet assessed.	NOT MET
Minimise the volume of CAS	No change in CAS volume required.	MET
Impact on GA	No impact on GA.	MET
Impact on MoD	No impact on MoD.	MET
Route systemisation/ RNAV1	Improves systemisation/ RNAV1 routes & network resilience	MET
Avoidance of other airspace	No change	MET
Air traffic controller workload	Reduced ATC workload	MET
Pilot workload	No change	MET
Airspace capacity	Will have a positive impact on capacity and network resilience.	MET
Airport/runway capacity	No change	MET
Climb profiles	Climb profile improved	MET
Descent profiles	The EGPH proposal will improve descent profiles. Introducing this proposal will not impact this.	MET
Flight planning/fuel uplift	Not yet assessed	NOT MET

Table 15: Proposal 7, Option No: 2

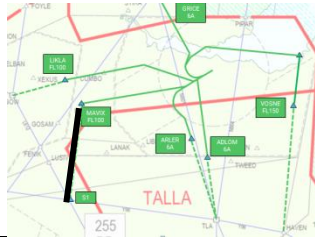
Proposal 7, Option No: 3 Introduce ATS Route MAVIX-S1		ACCEPT
Introduce proposed ATS route from MAVIX-S1		
Design Principle	Summary of assessment	MET?
Safety	No impact on safety.	MET
CO ₂ emissions	CO ₂ emissions not yet assessed.	NOT MET
Minimise the volume of CAS	No change in CAS volume required.	MET
Impact on GA	No impact on GA.	MET
Impact on MoD	No impact on MoD.	MET
Route systemisation/ RNAV1	Improves systemisation/ RNAV1 routes & network resilience	MET
Avoidance of other airspace	No change	MET
Air traffic controller workload	Reduced ATC workload	MET
Pilot workload	No change	MET
Airspace capacity	Will have a positive impact on capacity and network resilience.	MET
Airport/runway capacity	No change	MET
Climb profiles	Climb profile improved	MET
Descent profiles	The EGPW proposal will improve descent profiles. Introducing this proposal will not impact this.	MET
Flight planning/fuel uplift	Not yet assessed	NOT MET

Table 16: Proposal 7, Option No: 3

Assessment during real time simulations suggested that there was a need for the GOW-TRN and MAVIX-S1 routes, which warranted further exploration. **Hence proposal 7 will be progressed** with both options 2 and 3 being taken forward to the next stage for further assessment.

2.15 Safety Assessment – Proposal 7 Options 2 and 3

- 2.16 The allocation/usage of the SIDs according to destination by EGPW (and other ScTMA airports) will primarily dictate the loading of the SIDs. Without the proposal 7 routes the delivery of aircraft into the network could result in parts of the network experiencing peaks in traffic. The proposed routes provide more network options and also increase network resilience to the impact of adverse weather.
- 2.17 The GOW-TRN and MAVIX-S1 routes both give the opportunity for the related EGPW SIDs to be used efficiently for a greater variety of destinations.
- 2.18 Increased flexibility during adverse weather yields a significant safety benefit in enabling alternative routings around areas of adverse weather.

2.19 Safety Assessment Conclusion

- 2.20 There would be a positive impact on safety and network resilience. The airspace's capacity to handle bunching and demand through specific points would be enhanced.

3. High Level Qualitative Cost Assessment

A high level assessment of the cost/benefits is given below for each proposal.

3.1 Proposal 1:

Proposal 1 to move the LANAK hold has been evaluated as beneficial bringing benefits in safety, capacity and workload. These benefits justify the cost associated with progressing this change, and hence it will be progressed.

3.2 Proposal 2-6:

Proposals 2 to 6 and the baseline (extant) enroute airspace structure were tested during real time simulations with traffic levels grown to forecast 2025 levels. For these proposals it was demonstrated that the extant enroute structure was able to cope with the airports' EGPH, EGPF, EGPK new routes and grown traffic levels. As such it was determined that the extant airspace would continue to be fit for purpose up to at least 2025. At current and forecast traffic levels in the ScTMA, the benefit of introducing proposals 2-6 does not justify the cost of introducing these changes. Hence proposals 2-6 were rejected and will not be progressed.

3.3 Proposal 7:

Proposal 7 is designed to increase network flexibility and resilience for traffic using the SIDs as proposed by EGPH, EGPF and EGPK in their separate ACPs. Proposal 7 could provide valuable network resilience and hence the two proposed link routes suggested will be progressed to the next stage, for further analysis and consultation.

4. Options Development notes

4.1 Proposals 1 to 6 were simulated using Real Time Simulation (RTS), which was held at NATS Prestwick Centre on the 15/16/17th November and 20/21st November 2017. EGPH, EGPF, EGPK attended as participants and the CAA attended as observers. The objective of the RTS was to determine the suitability of the proposed airspace concepts. The link routes suggested by Proposal 7 were introduced as a result of feedback from the simulations.

4.2 The real time simulations held in Nov and Dec represented a significant testing exercise in which all the major aviation stakeholders either participated or were invited to observe. CAA representatives also attended and observed simulations and the engagement first hand.

- 4.2.1 Support from participating stakeholders on proposals 1 and 7 which are being progressed, was captured in the simulation report as follows:

C1.01 Understand if any changes are required within the ScTMA airspace to support Airfield ACP's

After the participants had controlled the baseline configuration with both 2017 and 2025 traffic levels they were asked consider each of the airport ACP's separately and the acceptability of the changes from the perspective of the sectors they had controlled that day. The first question they were asked was the high level question "Do you think changes are required within the ScTMA to support the ACP?"

The responses to this high level question suggested that no changes are necessary to the ScTMA to support the Prestwick ACP, however for both the Edinburgh and Glasgow ACP's on all four ScTMA sectors it was felt that some changes* to the simulated baseline scenario would be required.

C1.02 Assess the acceptability of NEW HOLDS

All participants were unanimous that both the new holds for Edinburgh (EDIBO) and Glasgow (H1) were acceptable. There was however some concern that the H1 hold reduced the flexibility for TRN inbounds to Glasgow. *(note this issue was resolved by the addition of the H2 entry point)*

** Proposal 1 & 7*

Note: Glasgow, Edinburgh and Prestwick airports were key participants at the simulations and these summaries are taken from the feedback forms they completed during the simulation debriefs.

- 4.3 Engagement with airlines is on-going and is evidenced in the following email. Airlines were also invited to the simulations.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 January 2018 13:00
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Airlines sign-up to airspace "design principles"

[REDACTED]

Airlines have been consulted via the various SIP and RP2 consultation which included BAW, EZY, VIR, IATA, RYR, EXS, TUI, TCX, UAL, AAL, BEE
We have also pre-consulted the airlines for RP3 and they have been clear that they want to see modernisation of UK airspace.

- Airspace Modernisation – should be the key theme for RP3 (especially LAMP)
- Airspace modernisation with particular emphasis on LAMP Phase 2 & delivery of capacity to meet growth with more efficient PBN designs

Airlines engaged for RP3 pre-consultation:

Air Canada	IATA
British Airways	Jet2
BA CityFlyer	KLM
Delta	Lufthansa Group
DHL & European Air Transport	Ryanair
easyJet	Singapore
Emirates	Thomson
Flybe	Virgin Atlantic

Regards

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5. Conclusion and Shortlist

5.1 We conclude that the Proposal 1 and 7 best meet all the design principles. The shortlist comprises:

- Proposal 1, option 3 – move the LANAK hold with entry point at H2.
- Proposal 7, option 2 – new link route GOW-TRN
- Proposal 7, option 3 – new link route MAVIX-S1

For Proposals 2-6 the “do nothing” option was evaluated to be preferable, hence these proposals will not be progressed.