

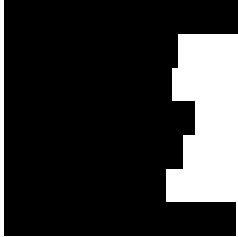
**MINUTES OF COMBAT AIR TRAINING AIRSPACE ASSESSMENT
MEETING HELD AT CAA HOUSE ON 6 MAR 18**

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Appointment

SO1 Airspace, DAATM
AR (Technical)
AR (Communities and Coordination)
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Airspace Specialist
AR (Environmental)
SO2 Airspace Ops, DAATM

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The CAA has received the DAP 1916 Statement of Need, Combat Air Training Airspace in advance of this Assessment Meeting and can confirm that the documents will be published together with the minutes of this meeting on the CAA Website. It must be noted that this is an Assessment Meeting and not a Gateway. The Change Sponsor will be required to provide a broad description of their proposed approach to meeting the CAA's CAP1616 requirements however the CAA will not at this stage decide whether the proposed approach met the detailed requirements of the CAA's process. The purpose of the Assessment Meeting as set out in detail in CAP 1616 is 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 and to enable the CAA to consider the appropriate provisional Level to assign to the change proposal. Additionally, the sponsor is 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 is required to provide information on how it intends to meet the engagement requirements of the various stage of the airspace change process.

	ACTION
<p>Item 1 – Introduction</p> <p>█ welcomed everyone and read the opening statement above.</p>	
<p>Item 2 – Statement of Need (discussion and review)</p> <p>█ presented the MOD Statement of Need and highlighted that the MOD and USAFE would be operating more combat aircraft in UK airspace in the near future. There would be a mix of current 4th generation and new 5th generation aircraft operating under modern tactics. This would require larger volumes of segregated airspace in order to conduct essential military training in support of Government-direction national security tasks. The proposed change was considered to be an interim measure pending potential further UK-wide changes resulting from the Flexible Use of Airspace State Programme (FSP) and other projects, such as Free Route Airspace.</p> <p>The CAA accepted the Statement of Need.</p>	

<p>Item 3 – Issues or opportunities arising from proposed change</p> <p>The anticipated increased demand on airspace from GAT and from military would require efficient application of FUA principals. To support this and the proposed airspace change it was envisaged that reporting of military activity in segregated airspace would be improved.</p> <p>The proposed change would require effort from MOD, CAA and NATS personnel, which would be challenging in an environment of significant change and development from multiple UK projects.</p> <p>The current route structure was considered a constraint given the timescale required for implementation of the proposed change.</p>	
<p>Item 4 – Options to exploit opportunities or address issues identified</p> <p>The MOD were about to commence a series of trials, outwith the airspace change proposal, aimed at improving military airspace utilisation and reporting. Whilst this was not part of the ACP, the work would provide a strong basis for improved FUA.</p> <p>Current and planned ASM initiatives would also provide a strong basis for engagement for the proposed change. These included engagement through FAS, FSP and JANSC communities, as well as direct communication with airlines and NATS. The CAA stated that a record of engagement would be required for later stages of the proposed change.</p> <p>It was anticipated that a trial would be conducted to test and refine the airspace design. This would be conducted through CAP1616 procedures.</p>	
<p>Item 5 – Provisional indication of the scale level and process requirements</p> <p>The CAA confirmed that the Combat Air Training Airspace submission was accepted as an airspace change proposal. They also stated that the level would be confirmed after the options had been presented, but based on the information presented it was likely to be M2.</p>	
<p>Item 6 – Provisional process timescales</p> <p>An outline timeline was presented by the MOD (as per slidepack). The CAA confirmed that this was realistic. The consultation phase was deemed to be the only area where scalability was applicable, the duration of which would be confirmed after the options had been developed. It was likely that the Decide gateway would be held 10 weeks after the final submission. The airspace was required by the MODUK F35 community as soon as practicable, and the MOD were anticipating developing a CAP1616 trial for commencement in early 2019.</p>	
<p>Item 7 – Next steps</p> <p>The MOD were required to develop the Design Principles document for Stage 1B. The CAA advised looking at previous examples from the CAA website; it was acceptable to use Essential and Desirable criteria, if required.</p> <p>The MOD were to inform the CAA of any anticipated changes to the timeline presented.</p>	<p>MOD</p> <p>MOD</p>

Item 8 – Any other business

The manner in which the MOD could monetise the options, in accordance with CAP1616, were discussed. The implications of changing civil routes would need to be assessed for environmental and cost impacts, for which WebTag should be used. Any other financial implications would need to be discussed with a CAA economist in due course.

■ considered that all aspects required in the Assessment meeting had been covered satisfactorily.

ACTIONS ARISING FROM COMBAT AIR TRAINING AIRSPACE ASSESSMENT MEETING

Subject	Name	Action	Deadline
Design Principals	MOD	The MOD airspace change sponsor was required to submit a Design Principals document for Stage 1B.	
ACP Timeline	MOD	The MOD airspace change sponsor was required to inform the CAA of any changes to the proposed timeline.	

Defence Airspace and Air Traffic Management (DAATM), MOD
ACP Sponsor