



## GENERAL AVIATION PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Thursday 23rd February 2023 – 11:00 – 13:30

Via Microsoft Teams Conference Call

### Representatives from the following Organisations Attended:

Air Pilots  
Airfield Operators Group (AOG)  
Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA)  
British Air Display Association (BADA)  
British Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association (BHPA)  
British Microlight Aircraft Association (BMAA)  
British Balloon and Airship Club (BBAC)  
British Gliding Association (BGA)  
British Helicopter Association (BHA)  
British Skydiving  
CHIRP  
Department for Transport (DfT)  
Flying Farmers Association  
General Aviation Safety Council (GASCo)  
General Aviation Alliance (GAA)  
Royal Aero Club  
General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC)  
Helicopter Club of Great Britain  
Light Aircraft Association (LAA)  
NATS  
PPL/IR Europe  
Royal Aeronautical Society – General Aviation Group

### Apologies:

Airspace for All  
Association of Light Aircraft Engineers  
British Business and General Aviation Association  
British Model Flying Association  
British Rotorcraft Association  
Cameron Balloons  
Commercial Ballooning Association  
Historic Aircraft Association  
Royal Aeronautical Society – General Aviation Group  
Royal Aeronautical Society Engineering Group  
The Light Aircraft Company  
UK Flight Safety Committee

- 1. Welcome:** Chair marked the impending retirement of Steve Slater, CEO of the LAA, by thanking him for hard work and contribution to General Aviation. Chair also updated the group on plans to review the GAP format via an online poll for members. Chair also agreed to re-share the GAP terms of reference to aid discussion.

## Section One

2. **Satellite navigation:** CAA gave a presentation on the latest developments in satellite navigation for approaches following the UK's departure from the EGNOS scheme. They explained that the CAA and DfT continue to contribute to the business case for development of a UK based system.
3. **ACOMS:** CAA gave an update on its Airspace Co-ordination and Obstacle Management Service project, which will look to improve the reporting and promulgation of aerial activities. The process is set to become more automated, improving efficiency and enhancing the user experience. GAP members questioned if the process could be delegated to ANSPs, but CAA explained there is still an ICAO requirement for CAA to provide the service.
4. **Navigational Aids Rationalisation:** NATS presented on their recent progress towards removing the majority of DVORs and NDBs from service. Airport procedures have been updated to RNAV standard, with AIP entries being amended to remove DVOR and NDB dependencies. Five stations are likely to be switched off this year, with the rest due to be removed from service before 2026.

## Section Two

5. **DfT Update:** DfT gave an update on their work considering changing priorities for ministers. 13 STEM ambassadors have been appointed and the CAA review has recently closed. DfT said it remained committed to publishing a GA handbook for local authorities. DfT will also look at refreshing its GA roadmap, although radical change is unlikely. GAAC asked about progress of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill, which DfT is making representations towards.
6. **Community in Spotlight - CHIRP:** Steve Forward gave an overview of CHIRP's role as an independent safety reporting tool, which champions safety reporting issues. Steve also spoke about emerging topical safety issues with the group.
7. **CAA Communications:** CAA gave an overview of its recent communications work with the GA community and its ambitions for 2023, which include a website refresh and plans to attend more grassroots events.
8. **GA Change programme – progress update:** Chair updated the group on recent progress of projects under the GA Change Programme. CAA agreed to update LAA and BMAA on the project looking at remunerated training in permit to fly aircraft. CAA also agreed to provide timelines for projects at the next GAP meeting.
9. **AOB:** James Shipp introduced himself to the group as the CAA's Acting Strategic Stakeholder Manager.

**Proposed Date for the next General Aviation Partnership Meetings is**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 10:00am-12:30pm**