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Via email: [REDACTED]

cc: [REDACTED]

15th November 2021

Dear [REDACTED],

### **The Civil Aviation Authority (Air Navigation) Directions 2017, Direction 6 London Luton Airport (LLA) Airspace Design Change Proposal**

Thank you for your email of 18 August 2021 to the Department, enclosing a copy of CAP2233 which set out the assessment by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) of whether the LLA airspace change proposal met the call-in criteria as set out in Direction 6 of the Air Navigation Directions 2017 (as amended).

I am writing to let you know that the Secretary of State's decision is **not** to call in this proposal for determination by himself.

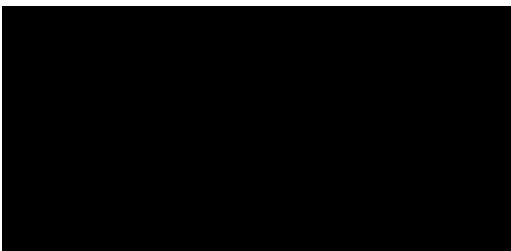
When making this decision, the Secretary of State:


- considered the proposal carefully against all the call-in criteria;
- agreed with the CAA's assessment in CAP2233 that the LLA airspace change proposal **does** meet call-in criterion d (Direction 6(5)(d) concerning the reclassification of uncontrolled airspace);
- took account of the views expressed by the various individuals in their call-in requests and those expressed by the CAA in CAP2233;

- noted that this is a technical proposal whose effects are local in nature, and which does not raise any particular issues that suggest that the CAA would not be able to properly determine the application;
- noted that the reclassification of some airspace from uncontrolled to controlled status was offset by a proposal to reduce the volume of controlled airspace near Stansted Airport. In addition, we have noted that whilst the CAA has required some additional technical submissions by NATS on this part of the proposal, it continues to remain a component of the airspace change proposal; and
- concluded there are no significant reasons why the LLA airspace change proposal should not be determined by the CAA or that would make it more appropriate for it to be decided by the Secretary of State.

I am also writing to the individuals who exercised the call-in function, to make them aware of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely,



  
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