

CAA CAP1616 (CAA airspace consultation process) changes published in October to be implemented in January 2024

CAP1616 will be an overview of the process.

Sections will now appear as separate documents:

- 1616f – Permanent change to airspace guidance an airspace change was 1619.
- 1616g – Temporary airspace changes
- 1616h – Low impact changes
- 1616i – Environmental ES noise profile, habitat assessment

1617 – Planned and permanent airspace change

1618 – Unusual activities

They hope the changes will provide greater clarity on all aspects.

Improvement and made easier to read and simplified.

Wording is key to changes with words such as - will/ must/ should reactive/ may – might – offering assurances and clarity.

Stage 3 – main feedback time of the CAP1616

Allowing for earlier consultation and review of data with midway gateways

Stage 6 – ACP approved with Sponsor, NATS, CAA regulator.

Stage 7 – post implementation of airspace change

This comes into force in January 2024 – so changes to FASIS however any airspace that is at 1-4 stages will not be impacted or over stage 5 will witness no change in process.

Concern is that there does not seem to be any mechanism for challenge only through a Judicial Review. There used to be a higher process by which approval could be challenged via the Secretary of State.

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