

Airspace Regulation

Airspace, ATM & Aerodromes
Safety & Airspace Regulation Group

Manager Air Traffic Services and Airport
St Mary's Airport
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7 December 2017

Dear [REDACTED],

RE: ST MARY'S GNSS IAP ACP

I am contacting you in relation to your airspace change proposal to introduce GNSS Instrument Approach Procedures at St Mary's Airport.

You will be aware that we are implementing a new airspace change process on the 2 January 2018. During our initial consultation, we explained how we will deal with airspace change proposals which are already part way through the airspace change process when the new process takes effect. The outcome of that consultation was that:

- any proposal where formal consultation has yet to commence by the time the new process takes effect (and which therefore corresponds to Stage 1, Stage 2 or Steps 3A/3B of Stage 3 in the new process) should adhere to the new process from the date that the new process takes effect, to the extent that this is feasible and reasonable, and
- we will not mandate new elements of the new process for any proposal should formal consultation already have commenced by the time the new process takes effect (and is therefore at Step 3C in the new process or later).


In preparation for the transition, we have reviewed the status of all of the current airspace change proposals to determine those which will remain on the pre-existing airspace change process and those which will be transitioned to the new airspace change process. Currently we are assessing your proposal for the introduction of GNSS IAPs to runways 27 and 32 against an impact assessment. You requested that the same procedure be considered for the IAPs to runways 14 and 09, but should the CAA deem that this process is not appropriate and as you are yet to commence formal consultation on this part of your proposal, it will be transitioned to the new airspace change process and it will be assessed against the requirements of [CAP 1520: Draft Airspace Design Guidance](#). So that we can complete the Gateway Assessments, you will be expected to produce the documentation listed at each of the Gateways detailed in CAP 1520¹. The first Gateway Assessment will take place on Friday 26th January 2018 and they will occur on the final Friday of every month thereafter. Please ensure that you review the requirements of CAP 1520, focussing particularly on the documentation which you will need to submit to the CAA, and advise us of any reason why you are unable to produce this documentation and/or meet the requirements of the new airspace change process.

¹ We are planning to publish the final version of the new airspace change process in mid December and whilst it will include further clarification and new detail on some elements, there are no changes planned in terms of the documentary requirements.

Should you require any further assistance following receipt of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant CAA Case Officer (where applicable) directly or my colleagues in the ACP Coordination team by sending an email to airspace.policy@caa.co.uk.

Yours sincerely




Manager Airspace Regulation