



COUNCIL OF THE ISLES OF SCILLY

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Dear Consultee,

Re: Implementation of EGNOS GNSS Instrument Approach Procedures at the Isles of Scilly Airport (*European Geo-Stationary Navigation Overlay Global Navigation Satellite System*)

In accordance with the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) guidance and recommendations, I am writing to inform you of proposed changes to the Isles of Scilly Airport.

The proposal is to implement GNSS (Global Navigation Satellite System) for each of the 4 runways at the Isles of Scilly Airport on St Mary's subject to approval by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). GNSS will enable suitably equipped aircraft to operate an Instrument Landing System approach without the need for costly ground based navigation aids and enable our current sole airline operator (Skybus) to potentially land in lower visibility and cloud conditions, subject to the company obtaining the relevant Air Operators Certificate of approval. Currently, the Isles of Scilly Airport only has a Non-Directional Beacon offering Non-Precision approaches to 2 runways with a higher altitude restriction for descending to obtain visual reference with the runway.

The reason for consulting your organisation is to seek your observations on the proposal to implement GNSS approaches at the Isles of Scilly Airport. The proposal will improve resilience and reliability of current services by enabling scheduled flights in poor weather conditions. Although the proposal will allow more flights during poor weather conditions than now, the proposal in itself will not create any additional flights, lead to the use of larger aircraft or increase noise levels with the same flights paths used as existing. Furthermore, the proposal for the navigational system will not require the installation of any ground equipment and therefore will have no visual impact. As such, it is considered that the proposal will not have any negative impact on the environment or community but would benefit aviation safety and improve the reliability of the air service.

Any observations should be made in writing and sent to the Infrastructure & Planning Department (or by e-mail to cdryden@scilly.gov.uk) no later than **4.30 pm on Friday 17th April 2015**.

All comments that are returned on time and relevant to the proposal will be considered by the Council.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information or would like to discuss the contents of the draft consultation document.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'CDryden', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Craig Dryden

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