

8 October 2015  
EIR Reference: E0002476

Dear XXXX

I am writing in respect of your recent request, of 13 September 2015 for the release of information held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Your request:

- 1) *Confirmation as to whether NATS are running Precision RNAV (otherwise known as RNAV1) trials across the county of Kent.*
- 2) *If so then the basis on which these trails have been agreed and details on the precise routes and operating conditions.*
- 3) *Details of any changes to airspace (flight paths etc) across Kent since January 2012.*
- 4) *Full details of the basis on which any changes have been agreed (this can take the form of the proposal submitted by NATS).*

You later clarified that:

*If it helps with the assembly of information, I am particularly interested in changes to the air space (flight paths etc) around Canterbury in Kent as opposed to across the whole of Kent.*

Our response:

Having considered your request in line with the provisions of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, we are able to provide the information below.

NATS are not currently running Precision RNAV trials across the county of Kent, and there have been no changes to the airspace (flight paths etc) above Eastern Kent since January 2012.

If you would like further information about the airspace structure above the Canterbury area and what type of aircraft activity you are likely to experience we would be happy to assist.

There is a considerable amount of information about the UK's airspace structure on our website at <http://www.caa.co.uk/default.aspx?catid=2392&pagetype=90>, and we provide a focal point for aircraft noise complaints and aviation related environmental enquiries through our website at <http://www.caa.co.uk/default.aspx?catid=810&pagetype=90>.

**Civil Aviation Authority**

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Telephone 01293 768512 [foi.requests@caa.co.uk](mailto:foi.requests@caa.co.uk)

If you are not satisfied with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you should approach the CAA in writing at:-

Caroline Chalk  
Head of External Information Services  
Civil Aviation Authority  
Aviation House  
Gatwick Airport South  
Gatwick  
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[caroline.chalk@caa.co.uk](mailto:caroline.chalk@caa.co.uk)

The CAA has a formal internal review process for dealing with appeals or complaints in connection with requests under the Environmental Information Regulations. The key steps in this process are set in the attachment.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner at:-

Information Commissioner's Office  
FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
SK9 5AF

[www.ico.gov.uk/complaints.aspx](http://www.ico.gov.uk/complaints.aspx)

If you wish to request further information from the CAA, please use the form on the CAA website at <http://www.caa.co.uk/application.aspx?catid=286&pagetype=65&appid=24>.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Stevens'.

Mark Stevens  
External Response Manager

**CAA INTERNAL REVIEW & COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE**

- The original case to which the appeal or complaint relates is identified and the case file is made available;
- The appeal or complaint is allocated to an Appeal Manager, the appeal is acknowledged and the details of the Appeal Manager are provided to the applicant;
- The Appeal Manager reviews the case to understand the nature of the appeal or complaint, reviews the actions and decisions taken in connection with the original case and takes account of any new information that may have been received. This will typically require contact with those persons involved in the original case and consultation with the CAA Legal Department;
- The Appeal Manager concludes the review and, after consultation with those involved with the case, and with the CAA Legal Department, agrees on the course of action to be taken;
- The Appeal Manager prepares the necessary response and collates any information to be provided to the applicant;
- The response and any necessary information is sent to the applicant, together with information about further rights of appeal to the Information Commissioners Office, including full contact details.