

YOUR LONDON AIRPORT

Gatwick

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Jeremy Quin MP
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Dear Jeremy,

Many thanks for your letter regarding airspace change.

Gatwick Airport is fully engaged in the airspace modernisation process which will necessitate the re-design of its departure and arrival routes and procedures up to 7000 feet, as part of the Government and Civil Aviation Authority's (CAA) co-sponsored programme.

As part of our initial work, it is very helpful that we understand what is important to you and the local communities you represent, as this will help us to more effectively shape our design principles and options. The document to which you refer is designed to be an introduction to design principle development and is the first of a number of documents and events we will use to engage and inform a broad range of stakeholders. We are two years away from a formal public consultation.

Our approach to engagement has been considered within the framework of the CAA's seven stage process, and for all 17 airports in the south east to complete stage 1 assessments before the end of the summer. Because of this, engagement is targeted for this initial stage, taking into consideration that a full public consultation will follow in 2021.

We have sought the participation of over 80 organisations and groups whose opinions we need to understand, including 19 district and borough councils and our 4 neighbouring county councils to ensure a balanced geographic spread of local representation. We updated our consultative committee of our intent in January explaining that parishes would be fully engaged at the statutory consultation stage of the process in 2021. We can advise that we received a significant number of responses from all stakeholder groups, including community groups and councils at all levels; much of this feedback is of a high quality and demonstrates a good understanding of the topic.

We firmly believe that the FASI-South Airspace Modernisation Programme has great potential to unlock a wide range of benefits from which all stakeholder groups should benefit. Engagement on design principle development is an iterative process that will continue with our identified stakeholders until mid-May.

Once again many thanks for your response. Please feel free to add this response to your website alongside your original letter, informing constituents further about how we are considering airspace changes. Moreover, please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information, or if you would like to meet to discuss any aspects with our team.

Yours sincerely

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