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Annex 2: Tier 2 airspace change

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Tier 2 airspace change

The text in this document refers to the policy proposals and draft guidance on which the Department for Transport is currently consulting (click [here](#) for details). Should Government Directions, policy and guidance change after the consultation, this could alter the content of this document.

Background

The Government's proposed new process for Tier 2 changes

1. The Government's consultation on airspace policy published in February 2017 (click [here](#) for details) proposes a three-tier structure for categorising changes to the design of airspace or the way airspace is used. This is set out in Table 1 (Categories of airspace change) of our consultation document.
2. As part of this categorisation, the Government proposes a wholly new category of 'Tier 2' airspace changes, on which they would direct the CAA to have a decision-making role. These types of changes happen when there is a permanent and planned redistribution of air traffic, but not a change in the actual airspace design as published in the UK Aeronautical Information Publication.¹

Purpose of this document

3. This document sets out:
 - what the Government's consultation documents say
 - the CAA's potential role
 - some questions giving you the opportunity to give us your views, which will help us to develop our thinking further, should the Government decide to go ahead with its proposals.

¹ www.ais.org.uk

We are not yet in a position to consult on draft guidance about a process for Tier 2 changes

4. The Government's proposals set out that they will direct us to devise policy and process relating to Tier 2 changes. However, we are not consulting on draft guidance for Tier 2 changes at the present time. This is because the Government may change its policy proposals in the light of consultation, and this could significantly change the role given to the CAA and how we might then design the associated process. Once the outcome of the Government's consultation is known, the CAA will consult formally on draft guidance for a Tier 2 airspace change process.

What the Government consultation documents say about its proposed new process for Tier 2 changes

5. In the following pages we quote extracts from the Department for Transport's consultation document and draft Air Navigation Guidance – including the footnotes in those documents – about its proposals for a new category of Tier 2 airspace change and the process that it envisages that the CAA will apply. These extracts are reproduced here for ease of reference, but you are strongly advised to read the Government consultation documents in full.