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Executive Summary

1. On 8 January 2020, the CAA published CAP 1875, a Consultation on CAA Minimum Requirements for Noise Modelling. The consultation closed on 4 March 2020 and we had expected to respond and publish our policy by Easter 2020. However, with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic (preceded by the demise of FlyBe), we decided to defer any response for at least six months. This document sets out our decisions after taking into account the consultation responses.
2. We have decided to implement our proposal that there are minimum requirements for noise modelling when providing noise calculation to the CAA in order that we carry out our functions – see CAP 2091 published on the date of this document.
3. We have decided to implement our proposal that there are five categories of requirements (A-E) and we have decided to implement our proposed criteria for the threshold to which airports those different categories apply as requirements and to which they apply as recommendations
4. We have decided to implement our proposed requirements for Categories A, B, C and E
5. We have decided to refine our proposed requirements for Category D (and will consult on those revised proposals before finalising and deciding on Category D requirements – see CAP 1875b published on the date of this document).
6. We have decided to apply Category E requirements to Category D airports whilst we consult on revised draft requirements for Category D airports, review that consultation response and decide on Category D requirements.
7. We have decided to implement these new requirements from 8 February 2021.
8. We have decided these new requirements will apply to any airspace change proposal that has not yet progressed through Gateway 2 or to any planned and permanent redistribution of traffic that has not yet progressed through the Assess and Consult Gateway in the CAP 1616 processes by 8 February 2021. For those airspace change proposals which are being undertaken under the CAP 725 process, these minimum requirements shall apply only to those in respect of which a public consultation is published after 8 February 2021.
9. We have decided to extend the transition period for any airport required, as a result of these new requirements, to install a track-keeping system, install new noise monitors, or collect and process ADS-B or radar data.

10. We have decided to implement our proposals around our interpretation of the Secretary of State's Call In Criteria for Airspace Change Proposals – see CAP 2092 published on the date of this document.
11. We will be publishing a full consultation response document after we have completed the consultation on the requirements for Category D.