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Chapter 1

Introduction

Background

- 1.1 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 final 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. Having taken account of the consultation responses, we have published four documents:
- CAP 1875a, an interim assessment of the consultation responses to CAP 1875
 - CAP 2091, our Policy on Minimum Noise Modelling Requirements
 - CAP 1875b, a consultation on the definition of Category D for our Minimum Noise Modelling Requirements (this document)
 - CAP 2092, our Policy on the Secretary of State's Call In Process
- 1.2 In this document, we set out options for defining Category D for our Minimum Noise Modelling Requirements, indicate our preferred option and request responses from stakeholders on our proposal. This document should be read in conjunction with CAP 1875a, our interim assessment of the consultation responses to CAP 1875, and CAP 2091, our Policy on Minimum Noise Modelling Requirements, which will come into effect on 8 February 2021.

What we are not consulting on in CAP 1875b

- 1.3 CAP 1875b is not consulting on any of the issues already consulted on in CAP 1875 apart from the definition of Category D. For example, we are not consulting on the need to set minimum noise modelling requirements, the thresholds used to define which airports should provide which noise modelling to which Category, nor the requirements for noise modelling needed for different of the CAA's duties.
- 1.4 CAP 1875b is not consulting on whether the current noise produced by aviation is acceptable, nor about whether changes to aircraft flight paths or volumes should be approved, or the means by which such decisions are made. For example, although our policy on minimum noise modelling requirements refers to