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Dear stakeholder

Airspace Modernisation: Consultation on a proposed UK Airspace Design Service

We are writing on behalf of Department for Transport (DfT) and the UK's Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) to provide you with an update on our proposal to create a **UK Airspace Design Service** (UKADS) (previously termed the Single Design Entity or 'SDE') to deliver holistic and modernised airspace design for the UK.

As you will be aware, one of the government's key priorities is airspace modernisation. Having engaged with a broad range of stakeholders over the past year, we have developed options for a UKADS to deliver holistic airspace design and improve delivery confidence in the airspace modernisation programme.

We expect to launch a consultation on the UKADS very shortly. You will be able to submit your comments and answer the consultation questions, which are a mix of multiple-choice and free-text answers, via the CAA's consultation website. We will send you a link to this when the consultation launches.

In addition, the CAA expects to launch a separate consultation later in the year that will provide illustrative information on changes to NERL¹ air traffic service licence obligations, costs and charges that might be needed to implement proposals set out in the UKADS consultation.

Should you have any questions about the consultation following publication, please direct them to airspace.modernisation@caa.co.uk. DfT and the CAA plan to hold a webinar within the first few weeks of the UKADS consultation to answer questions and provide an opportunity for stakeholders to raise any relevant issues.

¹ NATS (En Route) plc

At this stage no decisions have been made on the proposals. Once the consultation has ended, we will publish a consultation response document summarising the responses received and how we have taken these into account.

Feel free to forward this letter to any relevant stakeholders who have an interest in airspace modernisation.

We look forward to engaging with you.

Yours faithfully

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