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# Airspace and Noise Policy

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# October 2017 Government announced

## **Independent Commission on Civil Aviation Noise (ICCAN)**

- An important step to rebuild the trust lost in industry by communities
- The body will help ensure that the noise impacts of airspace changes are properly considered and give communities a greater stake in noise management

## **Secretary of State Call In Power**

For airspace changes of national importance, providing high level direction and a democratic back-stop on the most significant decisions

## **New category of airspace change - planned and permanent redistribution of air traffic (PPR)**

## **Changes to aviation noise compensation policy**

## **A new requirement for options analysis in airspace change**

- To enable communities to engage with a transparent airspace change process and ensure options such as multiple routes are considered

## **New metrics and appraisal guidance**

- To assess noise impacts and their impacts on health and quality of life. In particular this will ensure noise impacts are considered much further away from airports than at present



# Next Steps

## **Independent Commission on Civil Aviation Noise (ICCAN)**

- Recruitment of Head Commissioner and Secretariat
- Location will be Guildford

## **Changes to Airspace**

- Secretary of State Call In power came into force January 2018

## **Planned and permanent redistribution of air traffic (PPR)**

- This policy is expected to come into force 2019

## **Aviation noise compensation policy**

- Will be considered further as part of the Aviation Strategy

## **A new requirement for options analysis in airspace change**

- The CAA consulted on the new airspace change process which came into force January 2018 (CAP 1616)

## **New metrics and appraisal guidance**

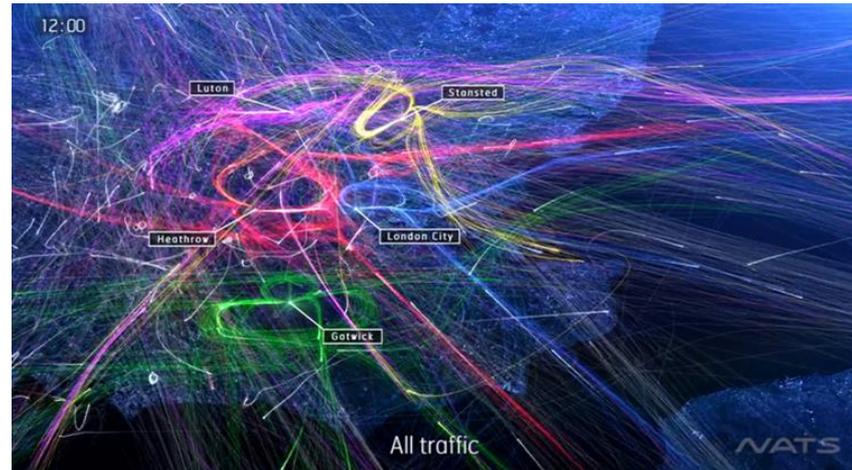
- Incorporated in the CAA's new airspace change process



# The case for Airspace Modernisation

- The UK's airspace has remained largely unchanged for around 50 years. Without airspace modernisation air traffic delays could rise by 71 times between 2015 and 2030 – or a delay of 30 minutes for 1 flight in every 3.
- Modernisation will be beneficial for the aviation industry and for local communities affected by aircraft noise. “Quicker, cleaner and quieter”

## Delivering modernisation will be extremely challenging



We will need to ensure:

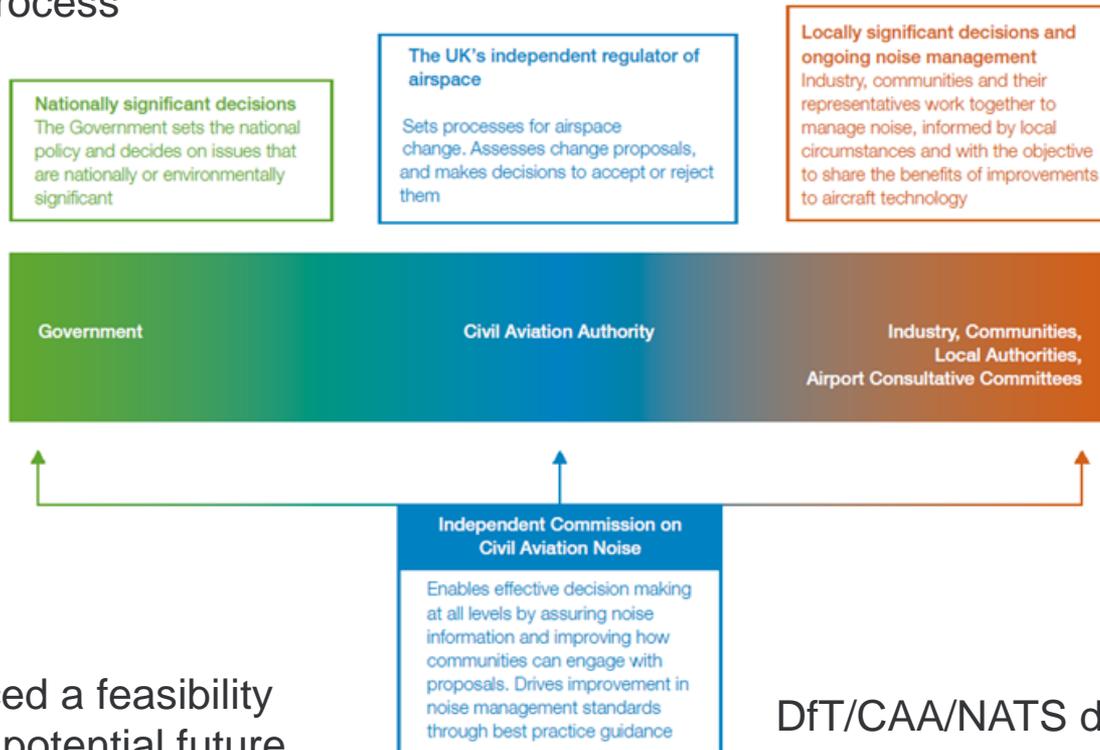
- Coordination across multiple interdependent airspace changes across airports in the South of the UK.
- All stakeholders – including airports, airlines, and environmental and community stakeholders - are bought into the programme.



# DfT's approach and next steps

In 2017 DfT published a Strategic Rationale for Airspace Modernisation

We are now considering whether further policy is required to support modernisation through the Aviation Strategy process



NATS have produced a feasibility assessment of the potential future airspace demands. The headline findings will be published later in 2018

DfT/CAA/NATS developing new national governance structure to oversee airspace modernisation



# Aviation Strategy: Noise and Airspace

- Part of the ‘Support growth while tackling environmental impacts’ objective
- Key issues we are considering:
  - Regulation, controls and incentives
  - Noise reduction in the context of airport growth
  - Measurement of the industry’s long term performance in noise reduction and potential for targets
  - Compliance and enforcement
  - Compensation arrangements: particularly how these relate to airspace changes
  - Housing demand near airports and how noise is considered.
  - Air quality around airports.
  - Governance structure for airspace modernisation



# Engagement

- It is important key stakeholders are involved in policy development
- UKACCs members are encouraged to consider what are the key issues on airspace and noise policy for them
- Focus groups are being held in June and July 2018
  - Growth, noise reduction and overall Government policy
  - Compliance and enforcement
  - Compensation and mitigation
  - Airspace



# Timetable

