



Airspace change process

For an airport or NATS to change airspace or routes and hence flight paths, a formal process must be followed (which is similar to getting planning permission for a building).

This is a legal process which is regulated by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and is called CAP 1616.

This sets out seven steps which must be followed.

CAA approval is required at key stages in order for the proposal to be allowed to progress.

The 7 stages are detailed below, we are currently in Stage 3:

The 7 stages:

- 1 Define
- 2 Develop and assess
- 3 Consult
- 4 Update and submit
- 5 Decide
- 6 Implement
- 7 Post implementation review

Anybody can view an airspace change proposal's progress on the CAA's Airspace Change Portal: <https://airspacechange.caa.co.uk/>

The name of this airspace change proposal on the CAA Portal is 'Swanwick Airspace Improvement Programme Airspace Development 6 (AD6)'



London Luton Airport

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