

**All NATMAC Representatives**

30 October 2008

DAP/BM/LB/ManchesterACP

**NATMAC INFORMATIVE LETTER**

Dear Colleagues,

**NOTIFICATION OF THE LAUNCH OF CONSULTATION FOR THE REDUCTION OF CONTROLLED AIRSPACE AT MANCHESTER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - AIRSPACE CHANGE PROPOSAL**

This letter is to advise you that NATS Ltd has completed the development of an airspace change proposal seeking a reduction in size of the Manchester Control Zone. This activity has been completed in accordance with Stage 3 of the Airspace Change Process (Preparing for Consultation) as described in CAP 725 – CAA Guidance on the Application of the Airspace Change Process.

The change sponsor will commence Stage 4 (Consultation and Formal Proposal Submission) by launching their consultation on 31 October 2008; this is due to end on 30 January 2009. In addition to the traditional means of distributing consultation material, details of the proposal will also appear on the NATS website, [www.nats.co.uk](http://www.nats.co.uk). Following successful completion of consultation, the Change Sponsor will submit the Airspace Change Proposal to DAP, having identified the target for the implementation of the change as being not before June 2009. NATMAC will be informed of our receipt of the Proposal in due course.

In order to gain regulatory approval, the Proposal will need to satisfy the regulatory requirements as demonstrated through the quality of the operational and environmental analysis and the thoroughness of the consultation. The DAP Project Leader is Dave Drake of the Controlled Airspace Section.

Yours sincerely,



J C Walker  
NATMAC Secretary