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Dear NATMAC Member,

We promised to keep you fully informed on any progress with our work to revise the airspace design for the "Terminal Control North" region which was subject to consultation last year.

We can now confirm that there will be no second TCN consultation on revised air routes until at least September next year. Revised airspace designs for the TCN region will not be ready for consultation before then.

The general downturn in air traffic levels internationally since the first TCN consultation means there is less urgency than originally for this development. We are continuing to develop alternatives following the feedback that was received during the first consultation that, where possible, address some of the concerns that were raised at that time.

However doing nothing is not a long term option if we are to further enhance safety in the TCN area and we anticipate bringing forward some smaller changes from the TCN proposal while we continue work on the overall design.

Since the 2008 consultation changes have been made to London City departure routes; this was required by the Civil Aviation Authority in order that the routes meet international standards for the jet aircraft now using that airport. This was covered in last year's consultation.

We always said that we wanted to hear people's views on the TCN proposals. We have listened and we continue to work on changes and developments as a result of the feedback that we received during last year's consultation.

When we are in a position to provide an update on a second consultation then we will of course write to you again.

Yours sincerely

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