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We said we would keep you updated on progress regarding the airspace change proposals in the area we call Terminal Control North (TCN) on which we consulted in 2008.

We said there would be no second consultation before the end of September 2010 and can now confirm that we do not plan to take the proposals forward in their current form and there will therefore be no consultation at this time.

The downturn in air traffic levels since the 2008 consultation means there is less urgency on capacity grounds to achieve the TCN changes to the original timescale. Current forecasts show that air traffic levels are not expected to return to the peak levels of 2007 until at least 2013/14.

This enables us to incorporate the TCN proposals into a wider review of airspace over much of southern England which is already under way. We believe we can deliver greater overall benefits than TCN, albeit on a longer timescale.

We valued the feedback received in our first consultation which is also a contributory factor in our decision; it helps that we now have less urgency to achieve change.

While the downturn in air traffic means we can take longer to ensure we have the best solution, we have always been clear that doing nothing is not a long-term option.

Yours faithfully,

TCN Consultation Team