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Dear Sir/Madam

The attached document is an addendum to a consultation previously undertaken by NATS between 16<sup>th</sup> December 2008 and 24<sup>th</sup> March 2009, which was regarding proposed changes to the airspace between Edinburgh and Glasgow.

<http://www.nats.co.uk/environment/airspace-developments>

The overall proposal seeks to change the classification of the controlled airspace between Glasgow and Edinburgh (the current Class E Glasgow CTA) from Class E to Class D, which will enhance safety by establishing the airspace as a "known traffic environment" where all aircraft are required to be in contact with Air Traffic Control (ATC).

In October 2010 the Director of Airspace Policy (DAP) rejected NATS' ACP application for the changes proposed, but invited NATS Glasgow to undertake work to prove that a base of 3000ft may be feasible from an operational perspective.

NATS Glasgow has undertaken trials to evaluate the proposed base of 3000ft and its effect on the operation. These trials were successful and concluded that Class D airspace with a 3000ft base could be operated safely and would represent an improvement over the existing Class E airspace (base 2500ft). Prior to submitting a revised Airspace Change Proposal to the DAP a limited re-consultation is required to enable stakeholders to respond to this amended proposal.

The period of consultation commenced on Monday **28<sup>th</sup> March 2011** and closes on Tuesday **26<sup>th</sup> April 2011** (4 weeks). If the proposal is approved by the CAA, implementation of the airspace change will occur at an appropriate opportunity but, in any event, not before July 28<sup>th</sup> 2011.

Please send any comments on the airspace change proposal to:

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