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Dear Consultee

OLYMPICS TEMPORARY CONTROLLED AIRSPACE – MANSTON AIRPORT

SPONSOR CONSULTATION

At Manston Airport, we expect that there will be a significant amount of commercial and G.A. Operations to, from and in the vicinity of Manston Airport during the period of the Olympics and either side of it (21 July 2012 to 15 August 2012), such that the existing airspace infrastructure in the area would not match the safety levels required by such operations. Accordingly, Manston Airport has commenced the application process seeking the provision of Temporary Controlled Airspace CAS(T) in the form of a temporary Control Zone in the vicinity of Manston Airport.

This application for CAS(T) is being drawn up in parallel with the NATS Olympics CAS(T) proposal in context with a wider ranging set of CAS(T) proposals in the South of the UK, in order to safely accommodate the expected levels of traffic during the Olympics. Full details of the NATS CAS(T) proposal can be found on the NATS website at <http://www.nats.co.uk>

As part of the process for changes to the airspace arrangements, the CAA requires that we carry out an extensive consultation with airspace users who may be affected by the proposed changes, with national organisations representing airspace users and with organisations representing those on the ground who may, from time to time, be affected by the proposed airspace change.

Accordingly, Manston Airport has today launched this stage of the consultation process by publishing its Consultation Document on the Manston Airport website – the address is <http://www.manstonairport.com/about-the-airport/planning/airspace-change.html>. The Consultation Document details the case for the proposed Temporary Controlled Airspace, the configuration of the proposed airspace and the options we have considered in reaching our conclusions.

You are being consulted in your role as a sponsor consultee, as listed in Annex A of the Sponsor Consultation Document.

The CAA requires that this consultation is conducted in accordance with the Cabinet Office Guidelines on Consultation which specify a minimum period of 8 weeks for consultation, due to the temporary nature of the airspace. Manston Airport intends to commence this consultation on **12 May 2011** and the consultation will close on **6 July 2011**.

You will find in the document details of how to submit your response to the consultation or how to contact us if you have any queries on the consultation document or the consultation process itself. Please remember that even if you have no comment to make on the proposal, we would appreciate a response to that effect.

I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely



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