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Dear Sir or Madam,

Inverness Airport Airspace Change Proposal Stakeholder Update – March 2025

The Inverness Airport Airspace Change Proposal (ACP) for the implementation of controlled airspace and Performance Based Navigation (PBN) procedures at Inverness Airport continues, and the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) Instrument Flight Procedure (IFP) Regulator has recently completed the review of the IFP submission for the HIAL Inverness ACP. Following the submission of the ACP Addendum in June 2024, there have been no further changes, and the IFP Regulator is now satisfied that the proposed final procedure designs can be flight validated. Ground flight validation activity that will be conducted in commercial aircraft simulators is now planned for mid-May. As the IFP activity, including the review of procedures, has taken longer than anticipated, the CAA has requested that HIAL provide the CAA with an updated target AIRAC implementation for the ACP.

The Inverness ACP Project Team has identified AIRAC 12/25, which will enable the potential implementation of the new procedures that will be contained within the new Controlled Airspace on 27th November 25. This date will be subject to further agreement from the CAA as to whether or not they have approved or rejected the ACP, which is expected to be 25th July 2025. This has been formally requested with the CAA and has been published on the CAA website. Should the CAA agree to approve the Inverness ACP with implementation on 27th November, the ACP Project Team considers that there will be sufficient time for the flight validation activity and training of controlling staff to ensure that all documentation is in place before implementation.

HIAL are also cognisant that the implementation of this ACP has taken considerable time to progress and is positive as we reach the final stages of implementation. We would like to thank all stakeholders for their support and perseverance over the years in achieving our aim of implementing controlled airspace resulting in a safer operating environment for all airspace users and Inverness Airport.

Further updates and information regarding this ACP can be found at the following locations:

<https://www.hial.co.uk/inverness-airport/inverness-airspace-change-consultation>

<https://www.caa.co.uk/commercial-industry/airspace/airspace-change/decisions/ongoing-proposals/inverness-airport/>

Should there be any queries regarding the Inverness ACP, please do not hesitate to contact:

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Kind regards

The Inverness Airport ACP Project Team