

# UK Airspace Design Service

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# UKADS – Recent Progress



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- CAA consultation on Initial Proposals for changes to NERL licence – June 2025
- Statutory Instruments laid July 2025 – came into force 15 August 2025
- CAA published Onboarding paper (CAP3129) on 1 September 2025.
- DfT consultation on proposed modification to terms of the licence – 4 September to 1 October 2025
- Creation of a bespoke webpage to capture all detail related to UKADS - [useful-links-related-to-the-ukads](#)

# Next Steps



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- Propose to provide further information related to UKADS in 2 tranches:

Tranche 1

## Information Paper

Modernising the way we do airspace design: Information relevant to the CAA autumn 2025 consultations concerning airspace design

## Consultation Document

Consultation on the airspace change process including the UK Airspace Design Service (UKADS) guidance (CAP1616)

- CAA working towards a launch date for both documents of 25 September 2025

# CAA future work strands



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- Tranche 2 – timescales likely to align with DfT led consultation on proposed changes to AND/ANG

Tranche 2

## Consultation Document

Consultation on the requirements and guidance for the UK Airspace Design and Coordination Services

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Consultation on the requirements for the UK Airspace Coordination Service and associated guidance

- Consultation on Final Proposals to changes to the NERL licence will be launched once all information papers and consultation documents (CAA and DfT) are in the public domain.

# DfT Deliverables



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Tranche 2

## Consultation Document

Consultation on the strategic objectives for the UK Airspace Design and Coordination Services

## Consultation Document

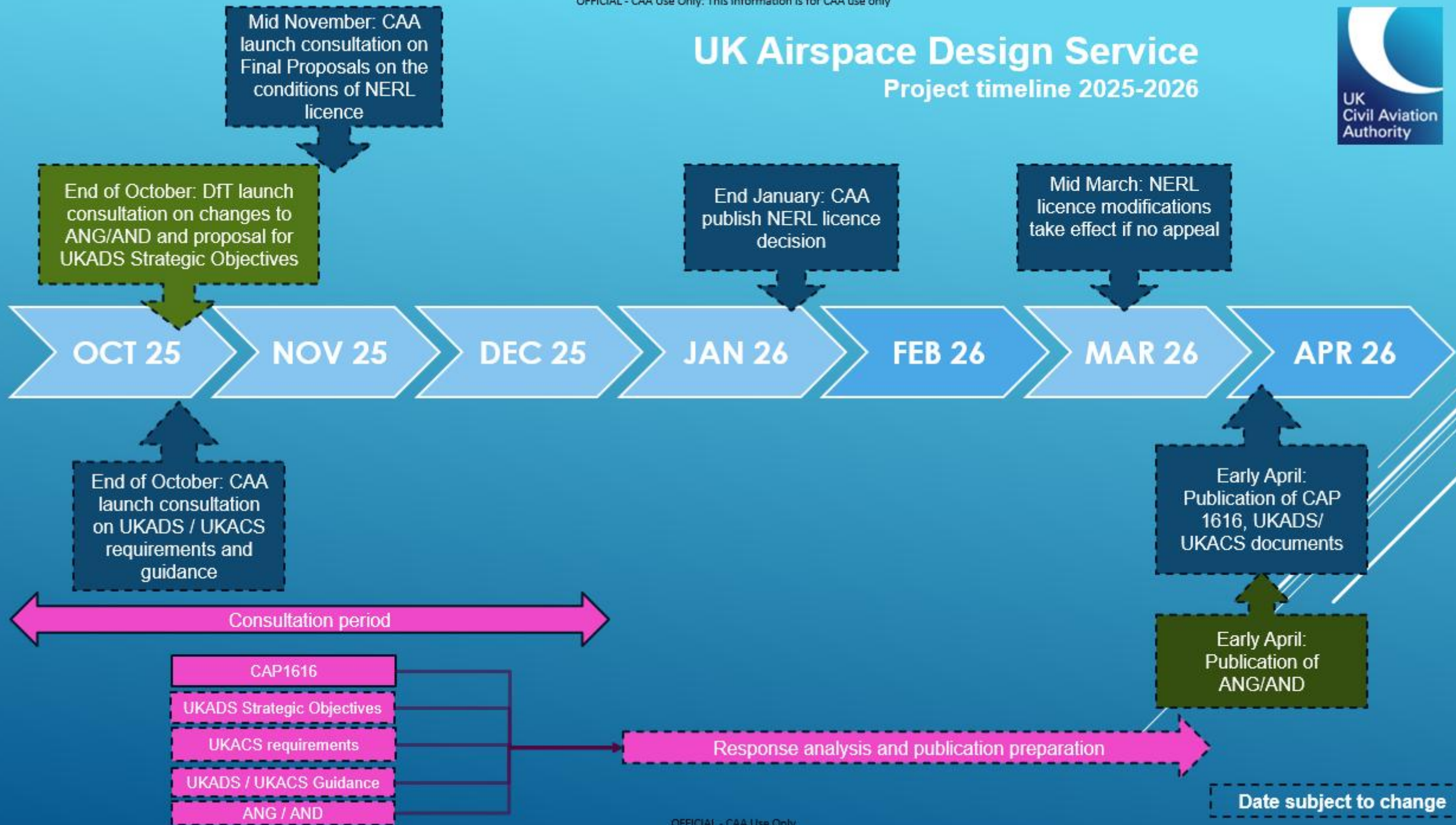
Proposed changes to the Air Navigation Guidance & Air Navigation Directions

## Information Paper

UK Airspace Design Support Fund: Fund Eligibility Criteria

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## Project timeline 2025-2026



# Summary



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- The information paper: ‘Modernising the way we do airspace design: Information relevant to the CAA autumn 2025 consultations concerning airspace design’ contains a wealth of information for stakeholders.
- Information, including a list of FAQs, is already available on the [UKADS website](#) – which will continue to be regularly updated.
- Citizen space will be the portal for all CAA consultations, DfT’s are expected to be published on [gov.uk](#) - stakeholders are urged to respond.
- The release of papers and launch of consultations, including detail of their duration, will be notified on Skywise and on the UKADS webpage.