

Airspace modernisation and airport expansion: addressing the impacts

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Four actions to drive the best outcomes in airspace change, including for communities

- **Sponsorship:**

Need for a high-level strategy for UK airspace modernisation

- **Narrative:**

Better communications and engagement across the aviation sector (including Government) and wider community to explain why change is needed

- **Policy:**

Government to set clear policy on issues such as concentration versus dispersal

- **Process:**

A better, more transparent process that is open to scrutiny and in which communities can play a legitimate role



Key elements of the CAA's new airspace change process

CAA more hands-on:

- process 'gateways'
- better oversight of engagement
- design principles
- Public Evidence Session

Transparency:

- everything published
- new online portal

Evidence:

- Impacts assessed in 'options appraisal' in three iterative stages

Clarity for sponsors:

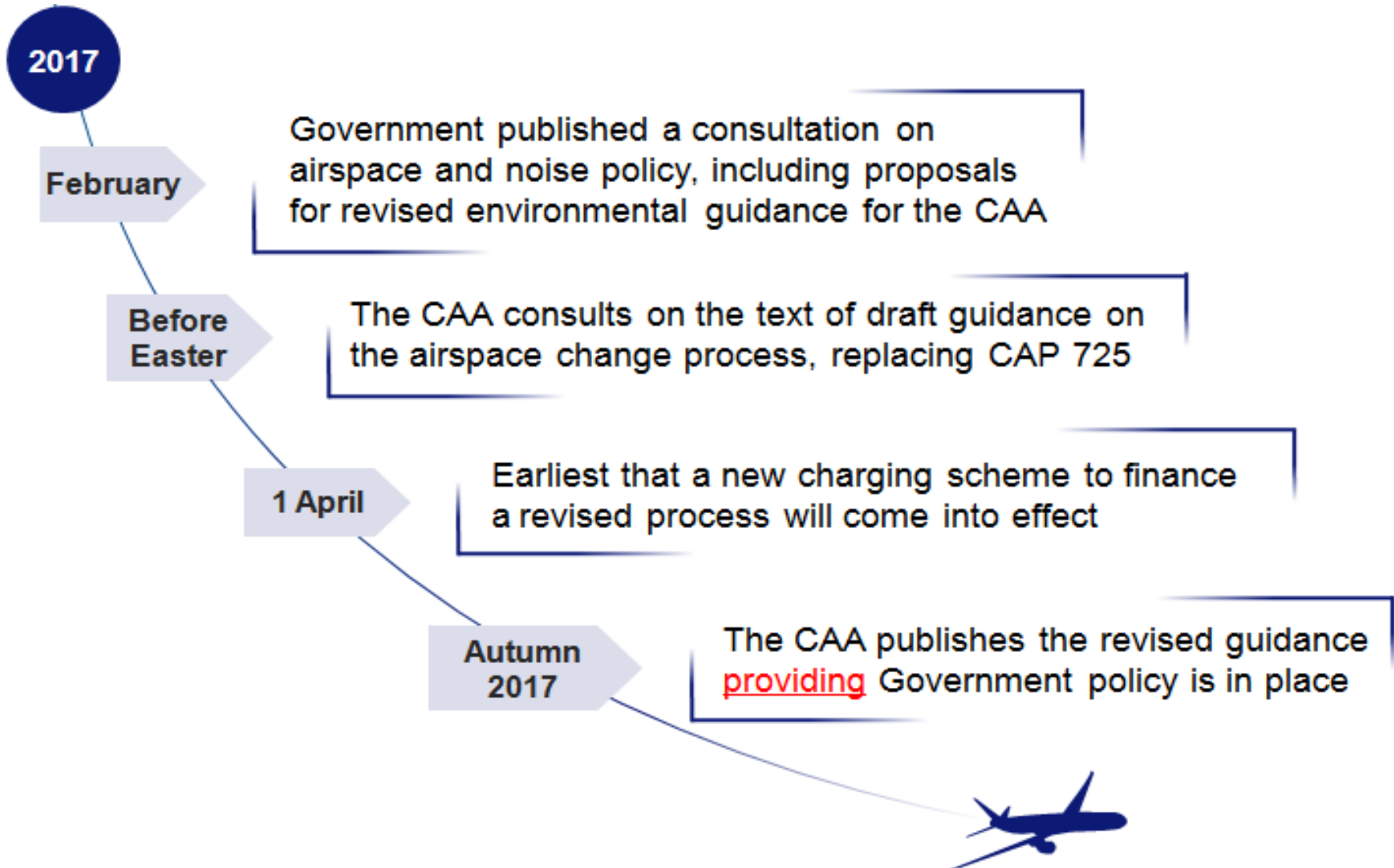
- more guidance
- scaled process
- timelines agreed

No appeal

- Draft decision published for feedback in some cases



Next steps: CAA consults on revised guidance before Easter 2017



Government airspace policy consultation

- **Noise impacts:**

We welcome clarity around how the significant impact of noise should be considered in airspace design (eg numbers affected, health impacts)

- **Compliance:**

Greater strategic leadership by CAA, advising industry where noise is not being managed in accordance with legislation, to the extent that our powers allow

- **Survey of Noise Attitudes:**

New CAA research report also published alongside consultation today, to inform policy-making



New capacity and noise considerations

Decisions will have to be made at national and local level, weighing up vital issues, such as:

Delivering economic
benefits for the UK
as a whole



Environmental impact on
communities

The cost of reasonable
noise mitigation



The acceptable price of
airport charges



Questions

