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SaxaVord Spaceport Airspace Change Proposal Progresses to Stage 3 “Consult”

To support SaxaVord Spaceport’s future vertical space launch operations from Lamba Ness, Unst, a suitable airspace reservation of defined dimensions is required to ensure the safety of other airspace users from launch activities and *vice versa*.

In 2017, SaxaVord embarked on the UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)-mandated airspace change process, which is set out in Civil Aviation Publication 1616 (CAP1616).¹ SaxaVord’s application for a suitable airspace reservation has now progressed to “Stage 3” of the CAP1616 process, where SaxaVord consults with those interested parties, including local communities. In the light of responses, SaxaVord may modify its proposed airspace design, before making the formal submission (i.e. Stage 4) of the proposal to the CAA for their decision.



1. The UK CAA’s regulatory document pertaining to airspace changes is Civil Aviation Publication 1616 (CAP1616), which sets out - *inter alia* - airspace change sponsors’ responsibilities and actions and CAA’s regulatory and process requirements for UK airspace change proposals.



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HAVE YOUR SAY

SaxaVord welcomes feedback and comments at Stage 3 of this application, and has created a corresponding set of consultation materials, which may be accessed on CAA's airspace change proposal on its website www.caa.co.uk under the tab Airspace. All documentation related to this application may be found there. There is also a simple, straight-forward survey questionnaire for stakeholders to complete.

The CAA directs the use of the "Airspace Change Citizen Space" site to support all Stage 3 consultation processes; the questionnaire may also be accessed via this QR code:

The consultation window will close on Monday 12th June 2023.



What happens next with SaxaVord's Airspace Change Application?

Stakeholders' feedback and responses will be collated and reviewed, and, where appropriate, will inform the finalised airspace design, which is scheduled to be submitted to CAA at the end of June 2023.



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