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Dear CAA,

Consultation Response - Proposed amendments to the UK Performance-Based Navigation Regulation

The Gatwick Airport Consultative Committee, GATCOM, although not responding in full to the above consultation, would like to make the following comments in regard to the consultation.

Firstly, we feel that the consultation is very technical and difficult for anyone other than expert industry stakeholders to fully understand. The consultation has not explained the consequences of the proposals for communities or for the change options that sponsors should consider. We feel that the CAA should explain the consequences of its proposals for communities prior to any change in policy or legislation and should assess the broader implications of PBN for communities in a clear, open and thorough way.

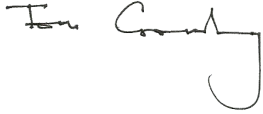
GATCOM wishes to highlight the impacts on communities living under flight paths and the planning in of respite/dispersion in airspace designs. We therefore support the use of Fair and Equitable Distribution (FED) principles as published by CAA in design of any PBN related airspace change.

The community and environmental group representative on GATCOM, GACC, has some additional views they would like to add. GACC considers that the CAA's proposed review of airspace design guidance for the use of PBN within terminal airspace should be completed and new guidance published before any airport brings forward final proposals at stage 3 of the CAP 1616 process. GACC notes that CAP 1378 is based on old and now replaced government policy on aircraft concentration and dispersal and therefore improperly identifies certain highly concentrated route options as default options.

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We hope these comments are helpful and will be taken forward as part of the consultation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Crowley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end of the name.

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