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To: Jon Round
Head of Airspace, Air Traffic Management and
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cc:

Dear Jon,

**The Civil Aviation Authority (Air Navigation) Directions 2017, Direction 6
Birmingham Airport airspace design change proposal**


Thank you for CAP1735 which, as requested in my letter to you of 13th November, sets out the CAA's assessment of whether the Birmingham Airport airspace change proposal has met the call-in criteria.

I am writing to let you know that the Department's decision on the Birmingham Airport proposal is that it will not be called-in for determination by the Secretary of State as it does not meet the minimum call in criteria. When making this decision, the Department:

- noted and took account of the CAA's assessment in CAP1735 that the Birmingham Airport airspace change proposal does not meet the minimum call in criteria;
- considered the proposal against the call in criteria and the reasons given for the call in request by [REDACTED]
- noted that whilst there was expected to be an increase in the number of people in the 54 dB LAeq 16hr noise contour, and that these may be concentrated in some areas in the vicinity of the airport, that this number was less than 1,000 and therefore well under the minimum net increase figure of 10,000; and
- noted the airport's view that much of the expected increase in the noise impacts is likely to result from increased air traffic growth and not as a direct result of the airspace change proposal.

I am also writing today to [REDACTED] to make her aware of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "SBishop".

Sarah Bishop