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Dear Tim,

### **Additional Noise Advisory Functions Section 16 Work Programme 2022/23**

In accordance with the Secretary of State's power under section 16(1) of the Civil Aviation Act 1982, the Secretary of State requires the CAA to provide assistance and advice in connection with aircraft noise.

Subject to the terms of this letter and in accordance with section 16(3) and (4) of the Civil Aviation Act 1982, the CAA will be entitled to recover from the Secretary of State expenses reasonably incurred by the CAA in the course of the year 2022-23 in providing the assistance and advice specified in this letter.

In accordance with section 16(5) of the Civil Aviation Act 1982, the Secretary of State invites the CAA to provide additional technical assistance and advice beyond that of section 16(1) on a discretionary basis.

### **Purpose of the assistance and advice**

The Secretary of State has set out the following purposes for this request:

- to support departments across the UK Government and devolved administrations to take informed decisions on aviation noise policy;
- to increase the level of understanding about aviation noise management as well as the confidence and transparency in how aviation noise is treated in the UK; and
- to promote best practice in the aviation sector through the production of guidance on managing noise impacts, including balancing the needs of relevant parties and engaging with stakeholders.

### **Work Programme**

The core theme of the 2022/23 work programme should be to establish and develop the CAA's position relating to the transfer of those functions which it has inherited following the Government's decision to wind down the Independent Commission on Civil Aviation Noise (ICCAN) in 2021. The work programme should include:

- technical advice on trade-offs and potential policy choices to inform HMG policy including specific research regarding trade-offs between carbon and noise, and consideration of appropriate metrics to inform trade-off analysis and policy options for Government to consider;
- Sustainability Panel Secretariat and Engagement, establishing an expert technical Panel to constructively challenge and strengthen the CAA's delivery of environmental roles, including the delivery of the new noise functions;
- external Review of Engagement Practices including functionality of Airport Consultative Committees and building on ICCAN's work on airport complaint handling processes;
- production of an Annual Report on Aviation Noise, in the UK, including objective information on operational measures to mitigate noise and aviation-related noise trends across a sample of UK airports;
- furthering ICCAN's initial Noise Metrics Comparison Study by expanding the noise metrics shortlisted and running comparisons for additional airports;
- Survey of aviation noise attitudes, continuing work initiated by ICCAN to establish a new multi-year noise attitudes survey.

### **Reimbursement of Expenses**

In accordance with section 16(3) and (4) of the Civil Aviation Act 1982, the CAA shall be entitled to recover a sum equal to any expense reasonably incurred by it in providing the advice and assistance specified in this letter.

The ceiling agreed amount is £1,307,916. The CAA will keep a record of the expenses it incurs in the provision of its noise work as described above.

As with all CAA funding, the DfT will review grants over the course of the coming year and reserve the right to revisit future sums which are subject to wider decisions on government spending and departmental budgets. If underspend of the fund is forecasted, the DfT must be informed promptly as the resource could be used to offset overspends elsewhere in the programme. Grant offers and grant cannot under any circumstances be carried forward from one year to the next.

If it appears there may be a funding shortfall, the CAA will contact the DfT to agree remedial action. The CAA will not be required to provide any assistance in the absence of funding.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Elston', written over a light grey grid background.

**Ian Elston**