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Dear Victoria Searle

Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 Civil Aviation Authority - Airspace Change Masterplan

Scoping Report

Thank you for your consultation which we received on 27 March 2023 about the above scoping report. We have reviewed this in our role as a Consultation Authority. This letter contains our views on the scope and level of detail of the information to be included in the Environmental Report. Please note that our view is based on our main area of interest for the historic environment in Scotland.

Scope and level of detail

It is our understanding that this assessment will be of Iteration 3 of the Airspace Change Masterplan process and will consider the collective airspace structure and route network of the airspace change proposals without going to the level of detailed design of routes.

We note that the historic environment has been scoped into the assessment in order to consider the potential for effects on the integrity, setting and tranquility of cultural heritage assets. On the basis of the information provided, we are content with this approach and are satisfied with the scope and level of detail proposed for the assessment, subject to the detailed comments provided below.

The assessment methodology proposed is to use identified SEA objectives, criteria and indicators. Table 15 sets out these and we are content with the wording supplied for the historic environment.

In terms of baseline data for the historic environment in Scotland locational information (including digital mapping datasets) can be obtained from the <u>Historic Environment Scotland Portal</u>. This includes data on nationally important sites such as World Heritage Sites, Scheduled Monuments, Inventory Gardens and Designed Landscapes, Inventory

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Battlefields and Category A Listed Buildings. Historic Environment Scotland also publish a <u>Managing Change in the Historic Environment Note on Setting</u> which will be beneficial for the consideration of potential effects resulting from the masterplan.

Consultation period for the Environmental Report

While no specific timescale for consultation on the environmental report and masterplan is set out in the scoping report we would recommend a minimum period of 6 weeks. Please note that, for administrative purposes, we consider that the consultation period commences on receipt of the relevant documents by the SEA Gateway.

We hope this is helpful. Please contact us if you have any questions about this response. The officer managing this case is Andrew Stevenson who can be contacted by phone on 0131 668 8960 or by email on andrew.stevenson2@hes.scot.

Yours sincerely

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