

FUTURE AIRSPACE STRATEGY VFR IMPLEMENTATION GROUP (FASVIG)

Established in January 2014, the Future Airspace Strategy VFR Implementation Group (FASVIG) is a joint undertaking between Sports and Recreational Aviation and Military Aviation stakeholders, CAA, NATS, business aviation and other aviation industry stakeholders, which aims to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of VFR operations in the UKFIR.

The FASVIG Vision

The FASVIG Vision is to provide safe, efficient airspace, that has the capacity to meet reasonable demand, balances the needs of all users and mitigates the impact of aviation on the environment. The FAS captures the benefits of modernising the airspace system in the areas of safety, capacity, environment and cost. In a written statement to Parliament on 6 Nov 13 the Minister for Transport said: General Aviation can and should contribute to the UK's economic success, whilst providing a safe environment for participants and the public. The Government's aim is therefore to make the UK the best country in the world for general aviation. The objective of FASVIG is "to provide a sustainable future for VFR operations"

VFR Implementation Programme & Deployment Plan

FASVIG aims to work in partnership towards developing a jointly agreed implementation programme which will address technology, procedures, airspace changes and associated policy framework to deliver the improvements to safety, capacity, environmental performance and airspace efficiency of VFR operations required by the FAS. The FASVIG aims to deliver a set of tangible benefits within the 2015-2020 timescale or earlier where possible. The FASVIG will provide governance, direction and resources to sub groups which will be undertaking significant workstreams.

FASVIG Working Groups

Airspace and Procedures

Airspace Review
Airspace Modelling
Data Transparency
Transit Routes
Access to Controlled & Regulated Airspace

Government and Regulation

Mandates
Equippage (ADS-B)
Community Endorsed Standards
Legislation blocking Innovation
GPS Approaches
Building Blocks – TMZ, RMZ, Separation Standards

Information Management & Communication

NOTAMs
Dynamic Airspace Management
Airspace Sharing
Trajectory Sharing
Communication Datalink
System Promulgation



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Aims

Increase the wider aviation sector's understanding the nature and needs of VFR operations.

Obtain agreement with stakeholders on a common shared vision and plan for the future of FR operations and the outcomes needed to deliver it.

Provide VFR operators and organisations the opportunity to influence current and future policy through the CAA and HM Government.

Record agreed outcomes whilst monitoring and measuring progress towards these objectives.

Enhance consultation and communication between stakeholders who have a role in delivering effective VFR operations.

Share relevant data and plans.

Facilitate robust, open discussions on operational issues to the benefit of all concerned.

Develop a greater understanding of future requirements and constraints.

Reach consensus on how best to deploy and exploit the benefits of technologies.

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Ascent Flight Training

BGA

BHA

BHPA

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Blackpool Airport

BMAA

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