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RE: Application for limited scope review of 2014 Determination

Dear David,

We are currently finalising pricing options for 2016 to propose at consultation with airport users. The consultation with users on proposals for airport charges for 2016, as required under the Airport Charges Directive (ACD), will begin this month. The price cap for 2016 is uncertain, as it is possible that the runway trigger event will occur before end 2015, although this cannot yet be confirmed. In either case (though the amounts differ) an increase in the general level of airport charges will be necessary, in order not to exceed the 5% cap on under-recovery, as the 'k' term in the price cap is currently defined.

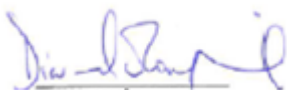
It is daa's preference not to increase the general price level in 2016, which preference we believe would be shared by our airline customers. However, we wish to do this in a manner which does not impact on our ability to earn the total allowed revenues over the regulatory period. Accordingly we hereby apply to you to remove the 5% ceiling on under-recovery in the 'k' term, which we understand is possible through a single issue Interim Review of the 2014 Determination. In our view, this will allow a customer-oriented flexibility with no impact on the substantive terms of the 2014 Determination.

Given the statutorily required timeline for the airport charges consultation under the Airport Charges Directive, we would ask please that the above requested review be concluded not later than 15 January. We understand that this may be possible as per recent conversations between Valerie and Adrian. The indicative timeline below is suggested for your consideration.

CAR review timeline	
daa submission requesting review	6 November
CAR issues initial consultation	13 November
Initial consultation closes	20 November
CAR publishes decision on initial consultation and (potentially) draft determination for interim review	27 November
Determination consultation period ends	8 January
Final determination	15 January

We are happy to meet at your convenience as required.

Yours Sincerely,



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