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### Updated Safeguarding Requirements

- Aerodromes will need to adopt the new OFS and OES structure, replacing the legacy OLS surfaces. Safeguarding maps and local safeguarding processes will require revision to reflect new ICAO definitions

### Impact on Planning and Development Control

- Local planning authorities may need updated guidance to reflect the modernised criteria.
- Aerodromes may experience changes in the types and frequency of consultations due to more proportionate safeguarding triggers.

### Transition and Change Management

- Existing obstacles and developments may need review under the new criteria.
- Staff training, updated policies, and communication with stakeholders (LPAs, developers, industry) will be essential.

## Implementation



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### ICAO Applicability Date

- The new ICAO OLS Framework becomes applicable globally on 21 November 2030 (as stated in the ICAO State Letter).

### Phased UK Transition

- The UK will move toward the new OFS/OES structure through a phased implementation aligned with national regulatory updates and project milestones.
- Preparatory work, engagement, and regulatory alignment will continue through Q1 2026, ahead of ICAO's applicability date.

### Regulatory Alignment

- Integration of the new OLS into updates of CAP 168, CAP 738, CAP 1732, and CAP 232.
- Ensures UK standards reflect ICAO guidance while supporting UK-specific safeguarding needs.

### Stakeholder Engagement

- Ongoing collaboration with aerodromes, DfT, planning authorities, and industry.
- Formal consultation planned as part of the UK adoption process.