

OXFORD REGIONAL AIRSPACE USER WORKING GROUP

MINUTES FROM THE OXFORDSHIRE REGIONAL AIRSPACE USER WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD AT OXFORD KIDLINGTON AIRPORT ON 30 JUNE 2020.



Present:

SATCO, RAF Brize Norton (Chair)
ASOS, RAF Benson ATC (Sec)
OC Ops Little Rissington
SATCO, Oxford/Kidlington Airfield
RAF Fairford
BMAA
RAF Cdr, RAF Fairford
HCGB & GAA
RAF Safety Centre
LAA, Hinton & Turweston Airfield
SATCO RAF Benson ATC
RAF Brize Norton ATCO/ACP
Oxford/Kidlington Airfield
OUAS/6 AEF/Brize Flying Club
Thames Valley Hang/Para Gliding Club
Oxford Gliding Club
Bicester Airfield
Denham Airfield
Flight Lt Ops & SFSO, RAF Halton Airfield
RAF Benson, ATCO
SATCO, RAF Benson ATC

Apologies:

Chiltern Park

Absent:

BGA
RAF Benson Flying Club
Dalton Barracks (Abingdon AF)
CAE FTO Oxford
RAF Fairford
RAF Fairford
RAF Fairford
Booker Aviation
AD Manager, Turweston
Oxford Gliding Club

2FTS, RAF Syerston
LAA/Enstone Motorglide
RAF Benson Flying Club
Banbury Gliding Club
OC Operations Wg, RAF Brize Norton
Bicester Gliding Club
RAF Fairford

CAE Oxford
 6FTS, RAF Benson
 RAF Fairford
 Airfield Manager, RAF Halton Airfield
 Osprey CSL
 Enstone Aerodrome
 Oakley Microlight Club
 RAF Weston on the Green Para Centre
 RAF Brize Norton ATCO
 Booker Aviation
 Oxford Gliding Club (WotG)

Banbury Gliding Club

6FTS, RAF Benson
 Osprey CSL
 Booker Aviation

OIC RAF Benson Flying Club
 LAA Turweston
 TV Hang Gliding Club

	Subject	Owner	Action	Deadline	Action
1	Introduction	Chair	<p>The Chair thanked all for their attendance and introduced himself as the new Chair for this RAUWG Ctte.</p> <p>Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate account of matters discussed.</p>		
2	Review Record of Actions	Chair	<p>Actions for review.</p> <p>Update outstanding due to no representation at this meeting; CAA rep had previously agreed to see if there was an update on Electronic Conspicuity trials from the CAA (specifically use of ADS-B out devices such as SkyEcho alongside Mode S transponder). The delay is with the CAA, who have not been present in some mtgs to close this issue.</p> <p>Infringements at Bicester have significantly reduced. This was attributed to the proactive publication of the site through various media. Item to remain open to review situation at next meeting. No-one from Bicester ■ was present to comment on whether this trend had continued.</p>	<p>Next mtg</p> <p>Next mtg</p>	<p>CAA Rep</p> <p>Bicester Rep</p>

		<p>Brize CTR Crossing Guide</p> <p>ACP for Brize Norton and Oxford will be discussed later in the meeting as per the Agenda.</p> <p>Concern has been expressed over the MOD policy of 5-year expiry dates on LoAs – however other discussion suggested this was legally normal in any airspace LoA. At a previous meeting the CAA rep offered to seek clarification, no CAA Rep attended today's meeting to update on this. At a previous mtg, ■■■ stated that a 5-year limit on an LoA is in place so that at least once in every 5 years, the LoA will be reviewed in terms of its requirement and limitations. He also added that a LoA can be requested for any activity can be detailed in a LoA for any aviation group upon request. ■■■ asked if this was a review or expiry at 5 years, ■■■ stated for military perspective this is the same. PM commented that an expiry does not allow businesses to plan or forecast if an LoA is pivotal to their procedures. ■■■ said he would confirm through the MAA if not reviewed at 5 yrs, does this resort in the LoA being Expired. A mid-point review was also suggested as a measure to update and provide minor review to ensure all parties remain content with the LoA in place.</p> <p>Previously ■■■ informed the committee that Dalton Barracks would soon adopt status as a Hot Air Balloon Launch Site. Via email from ■■■: <i>'Expect more Hot Air Balloon launches from the ■■■ on good weather days. There is currently not much RAF activity at this time, this may be due to aircraft availability, programs, Airdrop or TLZ availability. There has been talk of night flying, but nothing has materialised at this time. Paragliding I think have requested a launch to 1700 ft, they have asked or are looking at asking.'</i> There is no update regarding the increase in the upper limit of Dalton Training Area to 1500ft AGL at this time.</p> <p>South Cerney charting has not had the parachuting symbol removed yet. Airfield operator not known, as it is for them to pursue. ■■■ has a contact and will liaise regarding this matter. ■■■ also stated he would liaise with sources through the BHPA. Neither ■■■ or ■■■ were present to update this matter.</p>	<p>Next mtg</p> <p>Next mtg</p> <p>Next mtg</p>	<p>CAA Rep/■■■</p> <p>■■■</p> <p>■■■■■</p>
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3	Brize Norton ACP Update	Brize ATC	<p>■■■ updated the group on the status of both the Brize Norton ACP and the London Oxford Airport ACP. Both ACPs are very close to being submitted to the CAA, therefore both Brize and Oxford are not able to discuss further. As soon as we have confirmation that the CAA are releasing the submission on to the CAA website, we will send a link to all members. As requested from group, we will also add the final design to the email for ease of viewing.</p> <p>The two ACPs are separate submissions, the Brize ACP is hoping to be submitted in the next few weeks, with the Oxford ACP submitted by the end of July.</p>	Next mtg	■■■
4	London Oxford Airport ACP Update	Oxford ATC	See above.	Next mtg	■■■

5	RAF Little Rissington ACP	Little Rissington	<p>■ has reported that Little Rissington (LR) has raised an ACP in order to protect their cadets primarily over weekends and bank holidays within their ATZ. Weekend activity will be published via a NOTAM. However, ■ suggested would it be possible for Brize ATC to record that LR are active on their ATIS. ■ confirmed that LR do phone Brize ATC in the morning with a/c numbers and when the airfield goes hot or cold.</p> <p>However, ■ asked if it would be possible for Brize ATC to record that LR are active on their ATIS. ■ confirmed that LR do phone Brize ATC in the morning to inform that the site is active and again once the site is closed. Brize ATC already informs a/s that are on frequency of the activity status, but would not be able to transmit this on the ATIS, (far too many sites operate around the area, couldn't offer the same to all of them).</p> <p>■ is in full support of ■ safety for their flying however he does notice that LR are not active when they say they are and vice versa, this could be down to delayed starts or breaks in flying. ■ has suggested that LR ring Brize ATC to confirm if they are stopping for lunch or there is a delay in start to flying. After the above points were made ■ has stated that LR does need to be more proactive in its open/closure timings.</p> <p>Little Rissington now has an ICAO – EGVL/THVL</p>	Next mtg	■
6	Parachuting		<p>■ explained that due to the Covid 19, the Air Defence Exercise Programme has altered drastically. The outcome from this is an increase of military paratropping in the UK, from both C130s and the Skyvans. Around Brize and the UK.</p>		
7	Para / Gliding		<p>■ who is currently at Bicester airfield is helping them through a transition process due to their existing lease being cancelled. The new company is Bicester Motor Ltd, still operating from the Bicester Airfield, they are updating the safety management for the club at present. Bicester is still encouraging gliding, but it does come with its restrictions as it is unlicensed.</p> <p>■ mentioned that there is more traffic to ■ and will possibly have its own ATZ sometime in the near future due to this heavy traffic but also to protect Bicester town from a collision.</p> <p>On a different note ■ has a stated that Booker Gliding Club as relocated to Chiltern AP and that includes 30/40 gliders. This is only a temporary measure</p>		

			<p>whilst Booker is closed to Covid-19, with plans to move back from the end of July. ■ noted that all activity at Chiltern AP is notamed.</p> <p>■ has mentioned that there is not much cross-country due to Covid restrictions, but normality will resume at some point.</p> <p>■ has reported Dalton Barracks have been asked by the CAA to do a consultation with a 1300ft cable within a 10NM radius. Feedback was required from Benson, Brize and Oxford Airport. ■ had sent out the initial email. ■ has since emailed out the original post RAUWG meeting for your viewing.</p>		
8	Drones	Brize ATC	There was no drone specialist at the meeting for liaison.		
9	Flight Safety	All	<p>■ has stated that due to the current pandemic all operators of air systems should check and double check NOTAMS for active/deactive scheduled timings.</p> <p>■ has reported that there has been a change of personnel at the UK Air Prox Board; ■ has taken over from ■.</p>		
10	AOB		<p>■ has reported that the only Tutor activity at Benson is for pilot's currency and they expect to have cadets flying again come end September.</p> <p>Any volunteers to host future RAUWG meetings would be gratefully appreciated, please contact the Secretary, details at the end of the minutes.</p>		
11	Date of next meeting		The next meeting TBC		All

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CPL
ATC ASOS
RAF BENSON

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