



**Snowdonia Aerospace Airspace Change Proposal
Consultation Review (Stage 3D), ACP-2019-58
Llanbedr Aerodrome Danger Area(DA)**

Annex 2 – Evidence of Publicity Material

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1. Publication in Cambrian News, 03/12/20

The extract below is from the Cambrian Newspaper on the 03 December 2020.



2. Publication in Cambrian News, 14/01/21

The extract below is from the Cambrian Newspaper on the 14 January 2021.



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A CONSULTATION launched by Snowdonia Aerospace on a proposal to change the airspace designation around Llanbedr Airfield from a temporary Danger Area to permanent closes on Friday, 22 January.

A number of public open days were organised for the beginning of December which were attended well and safely by members of the public according to the Snowdonia Aerospace Centre .

On behalf of the centre, consultant Jeremy Hewett said: "We were very pleased to be able to meet a number of local residents during a series of socially-distanced open days before Christmas and found the discussion both very positive and informative in helping us develop the airspace change proposal and our wider communication with the community.

"Unfortunately we cannot hold any additional in-person events in the near future, but all of the airspace change documentation is available for download and we're still keen to hear from as many people as possible via the online survey.

"All responses received by 22 January will be included in the final application sent to the Civil Aviation Authority so please have your say."

According to the group, the aim of this consultation is "to seek stakeholders views on the introduction of a change in designation of airspace at and around the Snowdonia Aerospace Centre at Llanbedr Aerodrome."

For more information and to have your say on the plans, visit consultations.
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3. Publication on Gwynedd Council Website, 09/12/20 & Newsletter, 04/12/20

The below is the statement released by Gwynedd County Council on their website on the 09 December 2020.

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Date: 09/12/2020

Press Release by Snowdonia Aerospace

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Cllr Gareth Thomas, Cabinet Member (Economy and Community), Gwynedd Council, said: "We have long supported the development of Snowdonia Aerospace Centre for the development of civil novel aircraft and space technologies, in order to create sustainable high-value jobs in Meirionnydd and across the wider region. We are pleased to see that steps are being taken to allow for the safe piloting of these technologies, and would encourage anybody in the community with an interest in the site to respond to the consultation."

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COUNCIL NEWSLETTER, 04 DECEMBER 2020

The screenshot shows a website with a navigation menu at the top: HOME, MORE NEWS, LEARNING, DEMOCRACY, YOUR VIEWS, PLANNING, TRAFFIC, CYMRAEG. The main content area is titled "Posted on 4 December 2020 by Golygyddol". It contains the following text: "A consultation on proposed changes to the Snowdonia Aerospace Airspace is to be held. The relevant papers are attached below. The consultation will start on Monday, 7 December and will run until 22 January 2021. An open day will be held on site next Thursday, Friday and Saturday." Below this text are three download links, each with a "Download" button: "snowdonia-aerospace-airspace-change-proposal-acp-2019-58-llanbedr-danger-area-da-e28093-press-release", "snowdonia-aerospace-airspace-change-proposal-acp-2019-58-llanbedr-danger-area-da-e28093-public-consultation-questionnaire", and "snowdonia-aerospace-airspace-change-proposal-acp-2019-58-llanbedr-danger-area-da-e28093-public-consultation-easy-read-guide". At the bottom left, there is a "Share this:" section with a "Print" button. On the right side, there is a "My Tweets" section and a "Gwynedd Council Facebook Page" section. The Facebook post shows the profile of "Cyngor Gwynedd Council" with 15,098 likes and a post about "Gwastraff Gardd 2021" with a video player and text in Welsh.

4. Publication on Gwynedd Council social media, 09/12/20 & 05/01/21

The below are details of 2 posts made by Gwynedd Council on their Facebook and Twitter Pages

1. Initial Posts made on the 09 December 2020

<https://www.facebook.com/CyngorGwyneddCouncil/posts/3681766811879560>

Cyngor Gwynedd Council

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A number of open days are being held with the first one tomorrow.

More details here:

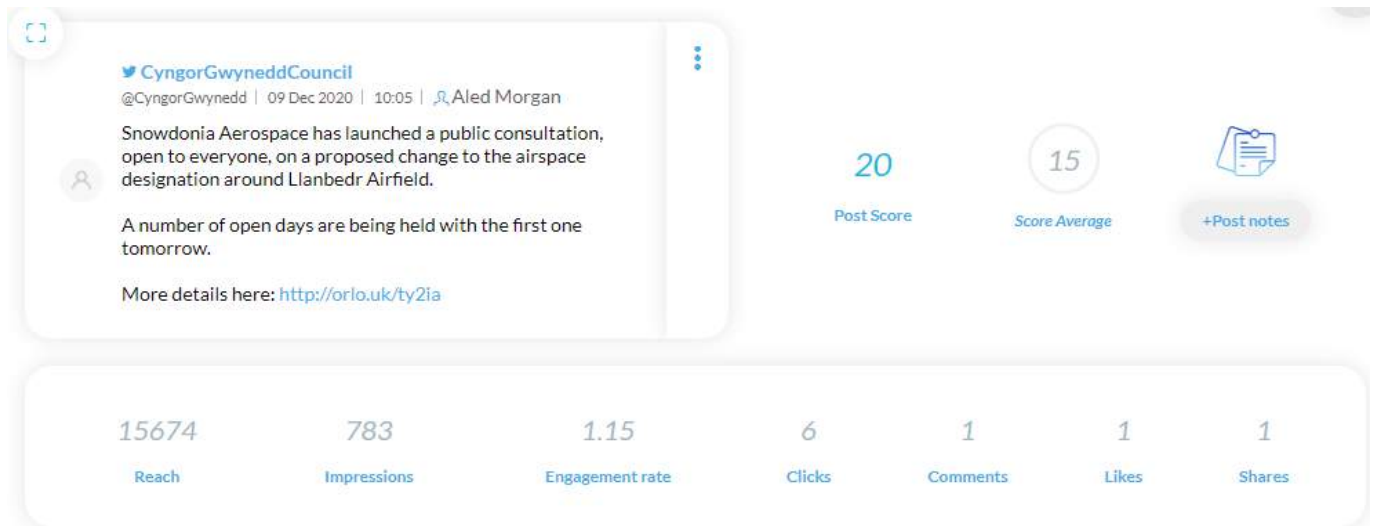


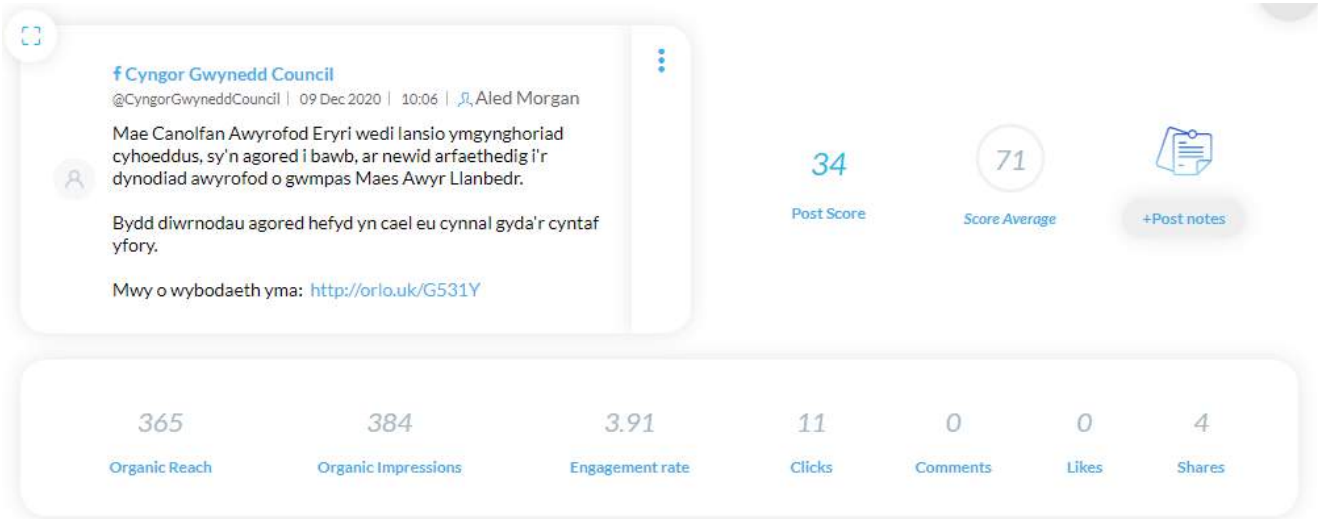
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2. Second Posts made on 05 January 2021

<https://www.facebook.com/CyngorGwyneddCouncil/posts/3750021055054135>

Cyngor Gwynedd Council

The Snowdonia Aerospace public consultation, which was launched last month, on a proposed change to the airspace designation around Llanbedr Airfield is still open.

More details here: http://orlo.uk/Consultation_xUcTD

The consultation closes on Friday 22 January.

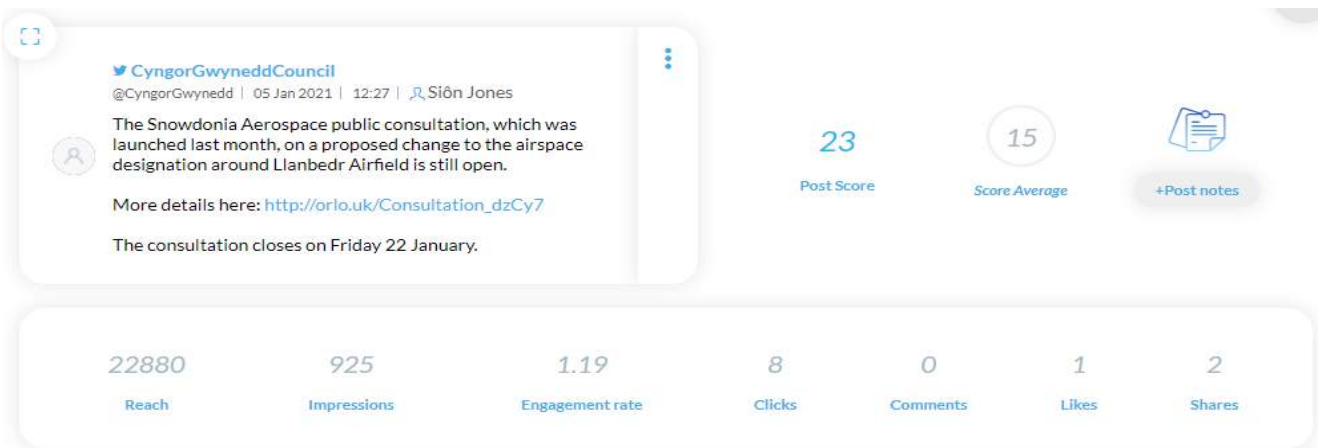




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@CyngorGwynedd | 05 Jan 2021 | 12:32 |  Siôn Jones


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5. Publication on ARPAS-UK website, 07/12/20

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The [Consultation](#) runs from 7th December 2020 to 22nd January 2021.

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For more information, the consultation document and link to the Proposal:

<https://www.arpas.uk/snowdonia-aerospace-airspace-change.../>
[#airspace](#) [#futureflight](#) [#dronesforgood](#)



ARPAS.UK

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7. Publication on UAS Vision website, 02/12/20

The below is the statement made on the UAS Vision website on the 02 December 2020.

[Snowdonia Aerospace Launches Public Consultation on Proposed Airspace Change at Test Site – UAS VISION](#)



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By The Editor on Dec 02, 2020 07:27 am

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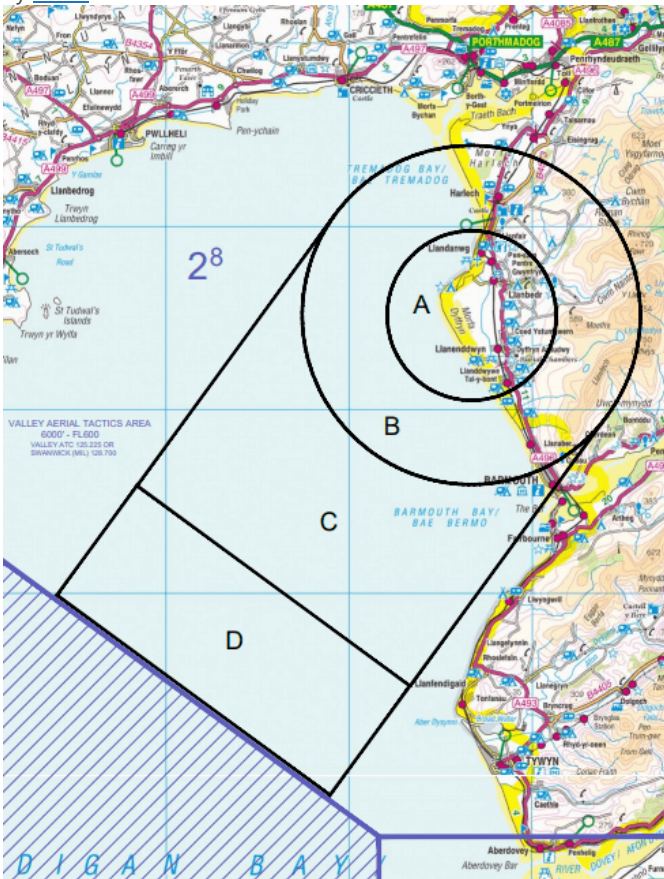
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John Whalley, CEO of Aerospace Wales, said:

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9. Publication on Pilot magazine website, 14/01/21

The below is the statement made on the Pilot Magazine website on the 14 January 2021.

<https://www.pilotweb.aero/news/llanbedr-launches-consultation-on-test-site-plan-1-6960585>



Llanbedr launches consultation on 'Test site' plan

PUBLISHED: 16:10 14 January 2021



The new facilities at Llanbedr Airfield would include an improved access road

Snowdonia Aerospace has launched a public consultation on a proposed change to the airspace designation around Llanbedr Airfield

Snowdonia Aerospace has launched a public consultation on a proposed change to the airspace designation around Llanbedr Airfield. If granted, the proposed airspace change will create a permanent Danger Area that will enable Snowdonia Aerospace Centre (SAC) to further develop the site as a UK 'centre of excellence' for testing of next-generation aircraft, such as drones, electric aircraft, urban and

regional air mobility vehicles, high altitude balloons, airships and near-space vehicles. The proposal is part of a sustainable long-term Masterplan for Llanbedr Airfield that could contribute up to 515 jobs and £19.5m per year to the local economy once full developed, according to SAC.

Although the Danger Area will be permanent in terms of its designation, it will only be active as and when required, otherwise it will remain open to all air traffic. The CEO of SAC Lee Paul told *Pilot* “this is one of the building blocks and ongoing investments being undertaken by us as part of the long term sustainable development of the site and the retention of the airfield. With so many airfields being closed and developed for non-aviation use it is even more important that the aviation community support measures being taken to protect and promote future aerospace operations and keep airfields alive”.

Although the core focus is on developing the airfield as a UK Test Site, the aerospace site’s future is very much focused around a mixed-use business plan encouraging a range of aerospace uses. To that regard, Paul mentioned the fact that “we have an increasing number of resident GA pilots, a successful and growing flying school, new operators setting up their businesses next year on site and we continue to support regular gliding expeditions, the Royal Aero Club and Fly UK, amongst others.”

With support provided, among others, by the Welsh Government, SAC has invested in new infrastructure, including facilities for fuelling, hangarage, ATC, fire-fighting, weather and accommodation. The consultation launched by SAC began on 7 December 2020 and will run for seven weeks, closing on 22 January 2021. The company has produced a Consultation Document, explaining the proposed changes, which is available on the Civil Aviation Authority website.

10. Publication on Flyer magazine website, 03/12/20

The below is the statement made on the Flyer Magazine website on the 03 December 2020.

<https://www.flyer.co.uk/llanbedr-airfield-launches-airspace-change-proposal/>

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Llanbedr Airfield launches airspace change proposal

By **Dave Calderwood** | 3rd December 2020 12:28 Europe/London



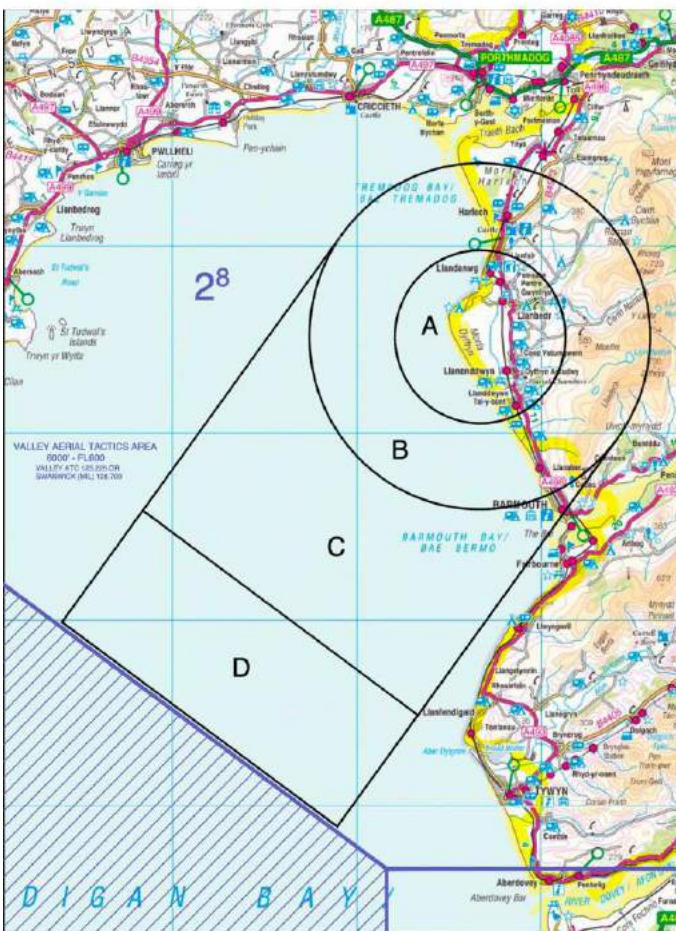
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SAC has produced a Consultation Document that explains the proposed changes, including detailed maps and environmental analysis, plus a three-page 'easy-read' guide in English and Welsh, available from the [Civil Aviation Authority online portal](#).



One of the options in Llanbedr's airspace change proposal

The proposal is part of a sustainable long-term Masterplan for Llanbedr Airfield that could contribute up to 515 jobs and £19.5m per year to the local economy once full developed, says SAC.

David Young, well-known in General Aviation as a microlight flying instructor and examiner, is also one of four partners that own Llanbedr as well as being Airfield Manager.

In a letter to *FLYER* David said, “I would like to flag why supporting this Airspace Change is important to you! It’s important because we need to keep this airfield open!

“We want you to fly into Llanbedr, we want the gliding club expeditions, the Royal Aero Club air racing, the Round Britain Rally, the **Snowdonia Flight School** to stay in business and our resident GA aircraft to continue to have a home. To do that the airfield has to be commercially viable. “Flying is my life and I wear my heart on my sleeve.

The simple fact I want to tell you is we need this ACP for Llanbedr to help restore this fantastic airfield to its former glory, but in a new era – the era of the smaller drones, electric aircraft, Unmanned Traffic Management challenges and so on. “Llanbedr is the perfect place for testing Beyond Visual Line-of-Sight (BVLOS) activity.

“The first unmanned aircraft were flown from Llanbedr in the 1950s – the Firefly and the Meteor Jet – and the Jindivik target drone programme ran until 2004. “There is a huge demand for dedicated airspace in the U.K. to trial new unmanned aircraft and their operational tasking ability.

“We have catered for some of this demand since the approval of a Temporary Danger Area (TDA) consulted on in 2014 and the repeated promulgation of a TDA for a few day here and a week there. Did anyone notice? Was there a problem with this NOTAM airspace? No!

“But we are not allowed to persistently ask for Temporary airspace – as it is not temporary anymore – and have had to follow the CAP 1616 route to apply for a permanent airspace change.

Permanent yes – but only activated by NOTAM for the time necessary.

“We will not activate it [the Danger Area] any more than is needed for a trial. In the vast majority of cases GA traffic will be able to get by or over activity and the FISO will be there to help.”

Snowdonia Aerospace Centre

11. Publication on SAC social media, 07/12/20: 04/01/21 & 18/01/21

The below are details of 3 posts made on Snowdonia Aerospace Centre (SAC) Facebook Page on the 07 December 2020, 04 January 2021 and 18 January 2021.

1. Initial Post made on the 07 December 2020

<https://www.facebook.com/SnowdoniaAerospace/posts/3883062015090492>

SNOWDONIA AEROSPACE CENTRE – AIRSPACE CHANGE PROPOSAL

To enable the ongoing development of the airfield as a Centre of Excellence and UK National Test Centre to support the innovation and testing of drones for good and other future flight / next generation aerospace research, Snowdonia Aerospace Centre has today launched a public consultation on its proposed Airspace Change.

This consultation will be open to everyone and we are asking people to consider any impact the proposal could have on them as an individual, as a community as a whole or on their organisation's activities. This will be the public's opportunity to review the proposed procedures and influence the final designs that Snowdonia Aerospace will submit to the CAA for approval. The Consultation will cover a period of 7 weeks through to 22nd January 2021. The below press statement has been released and provides all the key details on the consultation process. Please get involved.

PRESS STATEMENT

Snowdonia Aerospace has today launched a public consultation, open to everyone, on a proposed change to the airspace designation around Llanbedr Airfield. The consultation begins on Monday 7th December 2020 and will run for 7 weeks before closing on Friday 22nd January 2021.

The Snowdonia Aerospace Centre (SAC) is a UK centre of excellence for testing of next-generation aircraft, such as "drones-for-good", electric aircraft, urban and regional air mobility vehicles, high altitude balloons, airships and near-space testing vehicles. The proposed airspace change is to create a permanent Danger Area that will enable SAC to further develop the site and support increased innovation in the UK aerospace sector particularly within these emerging technology markets. It is not associated with military training.

The Danger Area will be permanent in terms of its designation but will be "active" only as and when required, otherwise it will remain open to all air traffic. Ninety per cent of the operations using the Danger Area will be over the airfield or out over the sea. The proposal is part of a sustainable long-term Masterplan for Llanbedr Airfield that could contribute up to 515 jobs and £19.5m per year to the local economy once full developed.

SAC has produced a Consultation Document that explains the proposed changes, including detailed maps and environmental analysis, plus a three-page "easy-read" guide in English and Welsh. These documents and the Consultation Questionnaire can be accessed via the Civil Aviation Authority online portal:

<https://airspacechange.caa.co.uk/PublicProposalArea?pID=193>

SAC will also be hosting drop-in sessions where members of the public will be able to ask questions and find out more about the proposal. These sessions will be held in the Main Hangar at Llanbedr Airfield, with appropriate Covid-19 measures in place:

- Thursday 10th December 2020, 10am to 4pm
- Friday 11th December 2020, 10am to 4pm (Welsh speaking available)
- Saturday 12th December 2020, 10am to 2pm

Postal responses can be submitted to:

Airspace Change

Snowdonia Aerospace Centre

Llanbedr, LA45 2PX

SAC will be happy to answer any further questions via email: da.acp@snowdoniaaerospace.com
or phone: 01341 360038.

Lee Paul, CEO of Snowdonia Aerospace said:

“We are continuing to develop complementary business opportunities at Llanbedr Aerodrome relating to aerospace Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E). To support these operations it has now become necessary for us to seek to upgrade and formalise the current airspace around the Aerodrome as the present provision is insufficient to meet the identified future need and risks restricting opportunities that are in the strategic economic interest of the UK and Welsh governments.

Llanbedr has long been a UK national asset for aerospace RDT&E and there has been increased demand in recent years given its ideal location for Beyond Visual Line-of-Sight (BVLOS) drone testing. These activities have been satisfied to date by the use of a Temporary Danger Area, but both customer demand and the need for confidence and reliance are now such that an application for a Permanent Airspace Change is warranted.

Moving to a permanent Danger Area will allow an increase in throughput to satisfy the market need and provide UK businesses in these sectors with a surety of being able to operate in the UK on a reactive basis. Many UK businesses have chosen to undertake their testing abroad due to the uncertainties around availability of adequate and appropriate commercial trials environments.

Particularly during these unprecedented times it is imperative that we encourage UK innovation and support UK businesses to operate within the UK. All Danger Areas in the UK are presently managed and controlled on behalf of the MOD with limited opportunities for commercial use and exploitation. The establishment of a Permanent Danger Area, the first civilian managed airspace of this type and dedicated to support UK businesses in the emerging aviation sectors, will act as a catalyst to aid economic recovery and support long term sustainable jobs.”

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Find details of proposed changes to UK airspace that could affect you.

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7 December 2020 · 🌐

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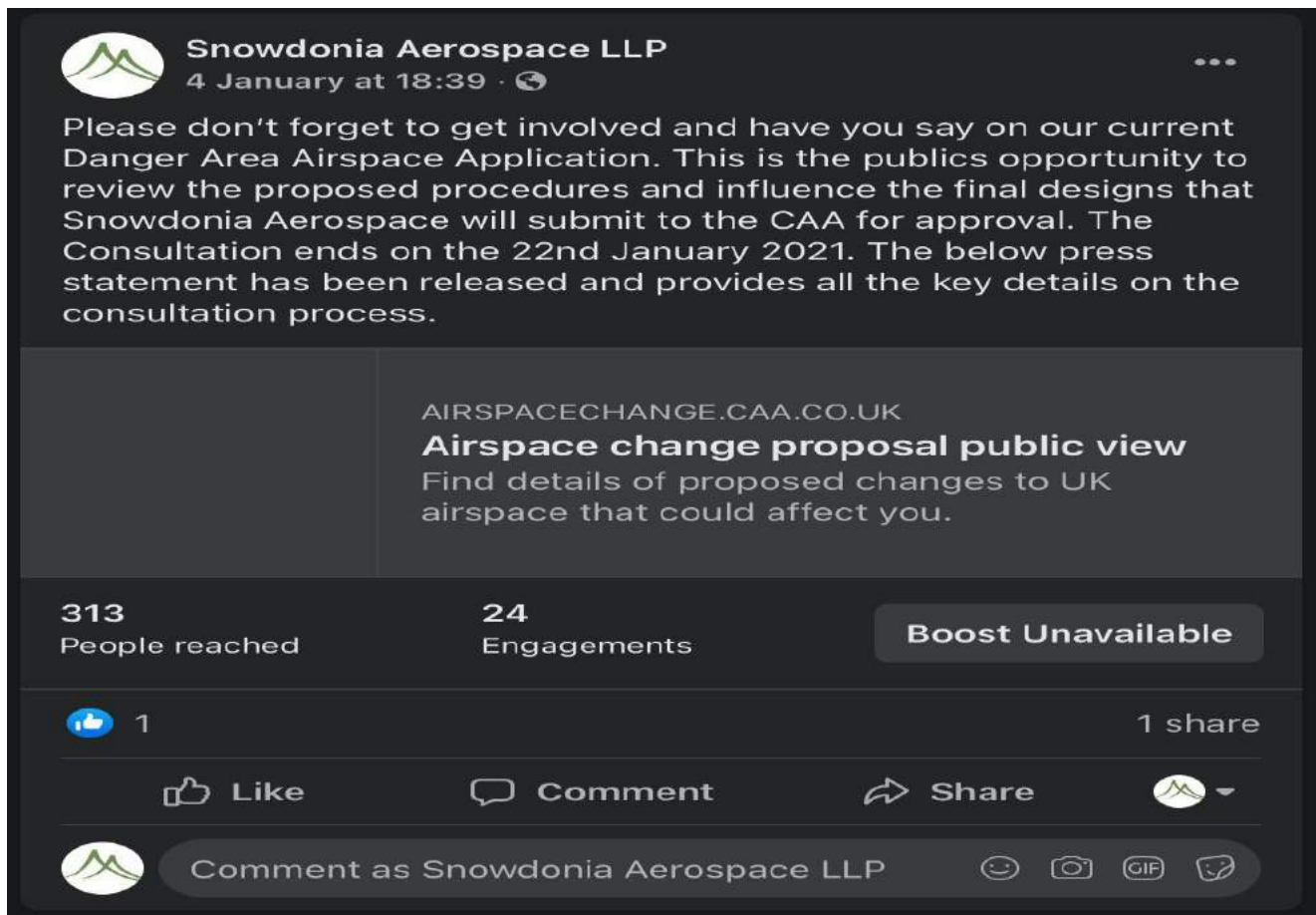
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2. Second Post made on the 04 January 2021

<https://www.facebook.com/SnowdoniaAerospace/posts/3956636237733069>

Please don't forget to get involved and have you say on our current Danger Area Airspace Application. This is the publics opportunity to review the proposed procedures and influence the final designs that Snowdonia Aerospace will submit to the CAA for approval. The Consultation ends on the 22nd January 2021. The below press statement has been released and provides all the key details on the consultation process.

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3. Third Post made on the 18 January 2021

<https://www.facebook.com/SnowdoniaAerospace/posts/3994512697278756>

AIRSPACE CHANGE FINAL REMINDER

This is the last week of opportunity to contribute to the public consultation on the Llanbedr airspace change proposal. The consultation closes at midnight this Friday 22nd January .

There is still time for participation and we welcome your views. The short questionnaire doesn't take long to complete and can be accessed via the online portal:

<https://airspacechange.caa.co.uk/PublicProposalArea?pID=193>

Some respondents have had difficulty with the latter link. If you do experience problems using this link please use the alternative link below.

<https://consultations.airspacechange.co.uk/.../snowdonia.../>

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12. Publication on Aerospace Testing International website, 14/12/20

The below is the statement made on the Aerospace Testing International website on the 14 December 2020.

<https://www.aerospacetestinginternational.com/news/drones-air-taxis/snowdonia-flight-testing-centre-applies-for-permission-to-test-more-drones.html>

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Snowdonia flight testing centre applies for permission to test more drones

BY BEN SAMPSON ON 14TH DECEMBER 2020 DRONES & AIR TAXIS



An aerospace testing and development centre at Snowdonia, Wales has applied to the UK Civil Aviation Authority for a permanent danger area to be designated at its site so it can run more flight tests for unmanned drones and other new types of aircraft.

Snowdonia Aerospace, which is based at Llanbedr Airfield is a UK centre for testing next-generation aircraft said that increased use of its site for testing unmanned drones, electric aircraft, balloons, airships and near-space aircraft required a permanent danger zone to be established.

Danger areas, also called restricted areas in UK airspace prevent aircraft straying into places where there is risk from airborne activities, such as military aircraft training, weapons or aircraft testing. The danger areas are only active when in use, and remain open to air traffic when not.

Snowdonia Aerospace Centre (SAC) said that 90% of the operations that use the danger area will be over the airfield or out over the sea. The proposal is part of a long term masterplan for Llanbedr Airfield that aims to create up to 515 jobs.

Lee Paul, CEO of Snowdonia Aerospace said, “We are continuing to develop complementary business opportunities at Llanbedr Aerodrome relating to aerospace Research, Development, Test and Evaluation.

“To support these operations it has now become necessary for us to seek to upgrade and formalize the current airspace around the Aerodrome as the present provision is insufficient to meet the identified future need and risks restricting opportunities that are in the strategic economic interest of the UK and Welsh governments.

“Moving to a permanent danger area will allow an increase in throughput to satisfy the market need and provide UK businesses in these sectors with a surety of being able to operate in the UK on a reactive basis. Many UK businesses have chosen to undertake their testing abroad due to the uncertainties around availability of adequate and appropriate commercial trials environments.

“All danger areas in the UK are presently managed and controlled on behalf of the MOD with limited opportunities for commercial use and exploitation.”

According to SAC, its permanent danger area will be the first civilian managed airspace of this type established in the UK.

John Idris Jones, chair of the Snowdonia enterprise zone advisory board said, “This airspace designation change is a key enabler in the longer term development of the site as a location for quality job opportunities in space related research and development and the evaluation of aircraft being developed to use low carbon fuels to meet the Government’s 2050 carbon emissions reduction target.”

John Whalley, CEO of industry association Aerospace Wales, said, “This proposal by Snowdonia Aerospace Centre is hugely important in ensuring that Llanbedr will play a lead role in the development of future flight concepts.”

The consultation is open from from 7th December 2020 to 22nd January 2021 and can be viewed [here](#).

13. Publication on North Wales Chronicle website, 11/12/20

The below is the statement made on the North Wales Chronicle website on the 11 December 2020.

<https://www.northwaleschronicle.co.uk/news/18937685.snowdonia-aerospace-proposes-permanent-danger-zone-llanbedr-airfield/>

News 11th December 2020

Snowdonia Aerospace proposes permanent 'danger zone' over Llanbedr Airfield

By **Scott Clarke**



Llanbedr Airfield.

AN AEROSPACE centre has launched a public consultation to create a permanent danger area in its aircraft testing zone around Llanbedr Airfield.

Snowdonia Aerospace Centre, which tests next-generation aircraft such as drones, electric aircraft, high altitude balloons and and near-space vehicles, is proposing to create a permanent danger area that would enable further testing at the site.

The danger area will be permanent in terms of its designation but will be 'active' only as and when required, otherwise it will remain open to all air traffic. 90 per cent of the operations using the danger area would be over the airfield or out over the sea.

The proposal forms part of a sustainable long-term masterplan for Llanbedr Airfield that could contribute up to 515 jobs and £19.5million per year to the local economy.

Llanbedr has long been a UK national asset for aerospace research, development and testing and there has been increased demand in recent years due to its location for 'beyond visual line-of-sight' drone testing. These activities have been satisfied to date by the use of a Temporary Danger Area, but both customer demand and the need for confidence and reliance are now such that an application for a Permanent Airspace Change is warranted.

Cllr Gareth Thomas, Gwynedd Council cabinet member for economy and community, said: "We have long supported the development of Snowdonia Aerospace Centre for the development of civil novel aircraft and space technologies, in order to create sustainable high-value jobs in Meirionnydd and across the wider region.

"We are pleased to see that steps are being taken to allow for the safe piloting of these technologies, and would encourage anybody in the community with an interest in the site to respond to the consultation."

The permanent danger area would be the first civilian-managed airspace of this type in the UK. It is also said that the evaluation of low carbon fuels at the site would help to meet the Welsh Government's net-zero carbon emissions target by 2050.

Lee Paul, CEO of Snowdonia Aerospace said: "We are continuing to develop complementary business opportunities at Llanbedr Aerodrome relating to aerospace research, development, test and evaluation. To support these operations it has now become necessary for us to seek to upgrade and formalise the current airspace around the Aerodrome as the present provision is insufficient to meet the identified future need and risks restricting opportunities that are in the strategic economic interest of the UK and Welsh governments."

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A consultation document explains the proposed changes, including detailed maps and environmental analysis, plus a three-page 'easy-read' guide in English and Welsh.

The consultation period ends on Friday, January 22.

14. Publication on Insider Media website, 04/12/20

The below is the statement made on the Insider Media website on the 04 December 2020.

[Consultation on proposed airspace designation change at Snowdonia site | Insider Media](#)

CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED AIRSPACE DESIGNATION CHANGE AT SNOWDONIA SITE

4 Dec 2020 Wales Business



A consultation by Snowdonia Aerospace on a proposed change to the airspace designation around Llanbedr Airfield is set to get underway next week.

The Snowdonia Aerospace Centre (SAC) is a centre of excellence for testing of next-generation aircraft. The proposed airspace change is to create a permanent Danger Area that will enable SAC to further develop the site and support increased innovation in the UK aerospace sector. It is not associated with military training.

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According to Snowdonia Aerospace, 90 per cent of the operations using the Danger Area will be over the airfield or out over the sea.

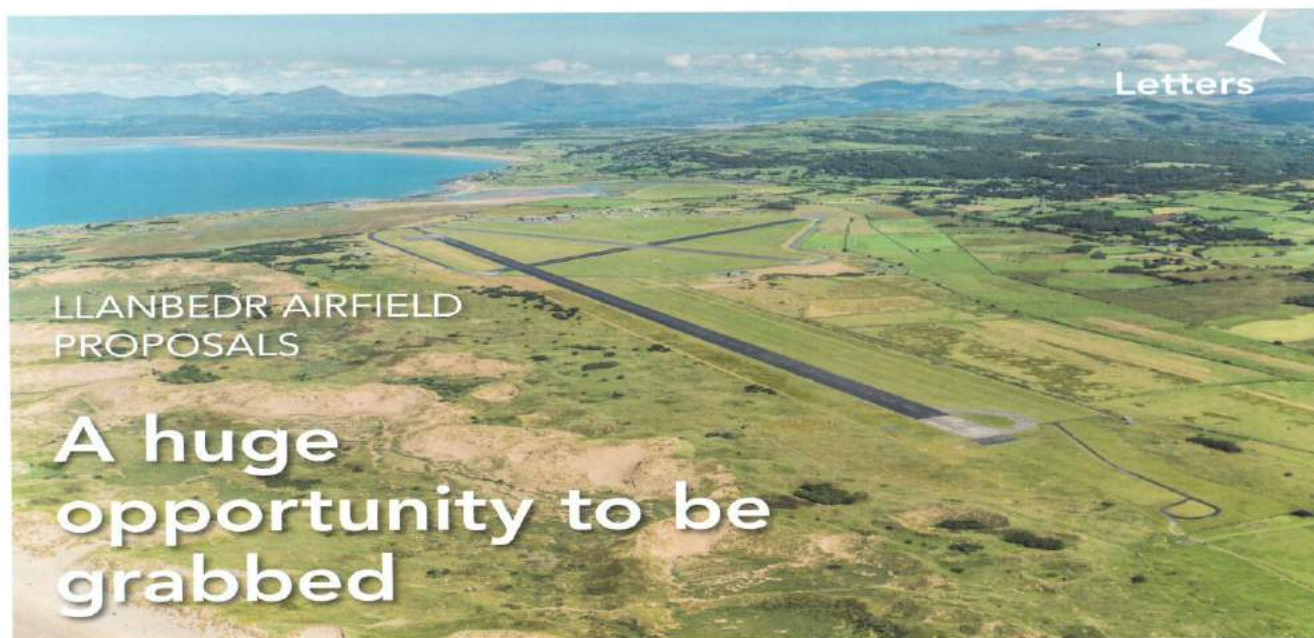
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The consultation begins on Monday (7 December) and will run for seven weeks.

SAC will be hosting drop-in sessions in the Main Hangar at Llanbedr Airfield on 10-12 December.

15. Publication in Microlight Flying Magazine, January 2021

The below is the statement made in Microlight Flying Magazine January 2021 issue.



DEAR EDITOR

As the CAA announces the start of the Llanbedr Airspace Change Proposal (ACP) public consultation for a new Danger Area – if approved the first ever to be civilian-managed in the UK – I would like to flag why supporting this airspace change is important to members. It's important because we need to keep this airfield open!

We want you to fly into Llanbedr, and to do that, the airfield has to be commercially viable.

I have been a microlight flying instructor for 35 years, an examiner, an FIC Instructor, an elected member of the BMAA Council for three years and Chairman of the Training Committee for five years.

I won the planning permission for Clench Common airfield back in the Eighties, and I played no small part – with a host of volunteers – in getting Kemble airfield going again when I moved my microlight school there in 1995.

I'm one of the four partners who own Llanbedr – and the mostly absent airfield manager because I actually have far too much fun running Kemble Flying Club!

We need this ACP for Llanbedr to help restore this fantastic airfield to its former glory, but in a new era of smaller drones, electric aircraft, unmanned traffic management challenges and so on, and Llanbedr is the perfect place for testing Beyond Visual Line-of-Sight (BVLOS) activity.

The first unmanned aircraft were flown from there in the 1950s – the Firefly and the Meteor Jet – and the Jindivik target drone programme ran until 2004. There is a huge demand for dedicated airspace in the UK to trial new unmanned aircraft and their operational tasking ability.

But we are not allowed to persistently ask for temporary airspace and have had to follow the CAP 1676 route to apply for a permanent airspace change to provide a centre of excellence for UK drone and experimental aircraft trials. The UK will lose out to the Europeans if we do not get this sorted.

For GA, we are still what is called green field at the moment, but we have employed one full-time FISO and another is training part-time. Provided the anticipated customers come in, we can make the part-timer full-time and employ an ops apprentice, and the airfield will have a future!

We have plans to build a new café to serve the wandering GA traveller, and to install met equipment so we can provide TAF and METAR information. We will eventually have an online instant response PPR system.

To do this we have to have some airspace. We will not activate any more than is needed for a trial. In the vast majority of cases GA traffic will be able to get by or over activity and the FISO will be there to help.

So if you would like to see Llanbedr remain open to GA, the key is helping with its commercial development. We want the opportunity to do unusual things, to create jobs and to stimulate the local economy. We want to build an aerospace hub and even a spaceport, and we want you to be able to fly in and experience something very different!

Please have your say via airspacechange.caa.co.uk/PublicProposalArea?plD=193.

David Young
CFI/FIC Instructor, , Kemble Flying Club
Partner and Aerodrome Manager,
Llanbedr airfield

Above Llanbedr airfield – planning for the future

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