

Dear Stakeholder

You may have seen on the CAA's Airspace Change Portal for [ACP-2021-002](#) that a Decision Meeting for this airspace change proposal took place on 14th May. As a result, the CAA requested that Skylift UAV Limited engage with the sponsors of [ACP-2020-082](#), Trax International Ltd, to consider the combined effect of both proposals on stakeholders and communicate the results of that engagement to all stakeholders. ACP-2020-082 involves a TDA at Goodwood Aerodrome, the full details of which can be found at the link provided to the Airspace Change Portal. Skylift UAV have met with Trax International to consider the combined effect of the Goodwood TDA and the TDA proposed by Skylift UAV under ACP-2021-002. Trax International explained that it is unlikely that the Goodwood TDA would be activated outside the core hours published in AIC Y 011/2021 (0600-0900L and 1800-2100L). Skylift UAV felt that, even though their original intention was to provide an "on-demand" service, it would be acceptable to offer the NHS core operating hours of 0930-1730L. This will mean that both TDAs will not normally be active at the same time. If either TDA sponsor wishes to operate outside their stated core hours, both Skylift UAV and Trax International committed to liaising with each other so as not to create any overlap in operating hours. However, if that is unavoidable, any such overlap will be kept to the absolute minimum necessary to accomplish the required task. Skylift UAV and Trax International therefore trust that this an acceptable approach to mitigate the potential combined effect of the two TDAs.

In conversation with the CAA regarding the result of the Decision Meeting, the CAA also felt that this update e-mail would provide a good opportunity to further explain the request by Skylift UAV during this process for the extension of their trial from 4 weeks to the 90 days permitted for a temporary airspace arrangement. To that end, Apian Ltd, who are responsible for the service provision to the NHS, provided the following information:

- Simply put, the more time we're able to deliver chemotherapy, medical equipment and supplies, the more patients will be able to benefit from the service.
- More time will enable the NHS to gather more evidence on the potential impact of drone delivery on the health outcomes of patients with cancer. For example, 4 weeks of flying may cover one round of chemotherapy treatment per patient whereas 3 months of flying may allow data for more rounds of treatment for the same patient to be captured and evaluated.
- The Isle of Wight NHS Trust is keen to carry out public and patient involvement research on the project for which a longer period of flying will be helpful.
- We would like to make it clear that this project is not funded by the NHS in any capacity and that all costs are either borne by Apian and/or relevant government grant funding. In particular, as part of the Future Flight Challenge, UK Research and Innovation approved the use of funds to extend the trial given the applicability of the project's outcomes to the Government's response to COVID-19 and climate change.

A letter of support from the National Clinical Innovation Lead for NHS England has also been posted on the Airspace Change Portal.

If you wish to provide feedback on this update, please e-mail admin@flyby.technology by 1700 hours on Wednesday 2nd June 2021.

Best regards

Skylift UAV Limited