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I am writing to you today in relation to the Airspace Change Proposal (ACP) titled "UAS BVLOS in Segregated Airspace (Oban-Lochgilphead) (ACP-2020-055)". Following on from the Assessment Meeting, you have conducted targeted stakeholder engagement and you have provided evidence of your engagement in a Summary Report. My colleagues and I have reviewed your engagement report and we have determined that the level of engagement undertaken by the change sponsor, in this case Skyports Ltd, is proportionate for this airspace change proposal. The post engagement report meets the requirements set out in the process and the summary of feedback is a fair and accurate representation of stakeholders views. With that in mind, I can confirm that the decision has, noting the additional visibility restrictions outlined below, been to **approve** the request for a Temporary Danger Area complex in relation to ACP-2020-055,.

We would note that through the use of Temporary Operating Instruction (TOI) you have agreed a process with other airspace users to ensure their requirements are considered. Where priority is determined in accordance with the agreed TOI, occurring prior to any planned activation. This combined with the environmental operation limitations discussed below and the utilisation of both a Danger Area Activity Information Service and a pre and inflight contact telephone numbers addresses concerns raised thought the ACP thus embracing core tenants of the Flexible User of Airspace, including elements of Collaborative Decision Making. Thus, any substantive change to the TOI should be referred to the CAA to ensure this process remains in place.

Please ensure that all relevant stakeholders are informed of the CAA's regulatory decision, provided with confirmation of when it will be implemented and made fully aware of the contents of the finalised TOI and specifically the actions to take should access to the TDA complex be required.

Please note that we expect you to collate, monitor and report to the CAA on stakeholder feedback received during the period of the TDA and therefore appropriate measures should be put in place and notified to stakeholders accordingly. In terms of reporting to the CAA, we would require confirmation on the level and contents of any stakeholder feedback received on a two-weekly basis throughout the duration of the TDA. Please upload the final version of your Final Submission with required redactions.

The next stage for this ACP is 'Implementation'. The CAA has acknowledged the request to deviate away from the AIC schedule found in Annex V of your final submission. Whilst the CAA understands the justification for the request, the CAA needs to ensure that all affected stakeholders are appropriately notified. Taking into account your reasoning, the CAA will approve the use of a Briefing Sheet, to be published during **week commencing 1st February 2021**. In addition, the CAA will also submit an Aeronautical Information Circular which will replace the Briefing Sheet and be live on **11th March 2021**. You will be unable to activate the required TDAs until at least **8th February 2021**, when your 90 day notification period will commence.

Additionally, the CAA has noted the self-imposed weather restrictions for activation of the required areas of the TDA complex. Your final submission explains you will not activate the TDA if the cloud base is below 1500ft AMSL. Due to the operating environment of GA aircraft in the area, which is subject to inclement weather, the CAA approves the ACP with the following restrictions:

'The Temporary Danger Area Complex is unavailable for activation if the Cloud Base is below 1500ft AMSL and the Visibility is less than 1500 meters.'

This visibility restriction is aligned with the visibility minima for VFR flight of manned aircraft.

Operation is conducted in accordance with the TOI and the TDA may only be activated whilst the DAAIS service provision is available.

In order for TDA activations to be promulgated, you will need to provide evidence that Skyports has conducted suitable notification of this process including applicability of the additional restriction to your targeted stakeholders and the wider public.

In order to activate the required Temporary Danger Areas, please contact Airspace Regulation Operations on [REDACTED] quoting an activity number and TDA reference, both will be provided to you in due course, with the required activation timings. For example:

Activation Request:

Activity Number: 2020-XX-XXX

Date: 20 August 2020

Timings: 0800-1600L (it is important to specify local (L) or UTC (UTC or Z))

TDA: EG DX98

Please ensure that at least 24 hours' notice is provided noting Airspace Regulations operating hours are Mon-Fri 0830-1630L. NOTAM promulgation is usually between 0900-1600L. Please provide as much lead in time as possible to ensure the required TDA is activated with sufficient notice for other airspace users.

Kind regards,

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Civil Aviation Authority



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