

18 August 2021

ACP-2021-37 Temporary Danger Area Spaceport-1 Scolpaig North Uist

Introduction

As Sponsor for the above titled temporary airspace change, I contacted you in May this year requesting feedback on the change proposal for a Temporary Danger Area (TDA) over the Spaceport 1 (SP-1) proposed launch site at Scolpaig, North Uist. A Power Point Presentation (PPP) and accompanying email description were delivered outlining the TDA proposal and airspace management processes, in particular the main purpose of the TDA; to enable connectivity to the existing D701 Danger Areas. Although the particulars pertaining to connectivity, airspace management processes and use of the D701 areas has not changed, it has been necessary to modify the TDA design over the SP-1 launch site. The original TDA is depicted at Figure 1, with the new requirement depicted at Figure 2.

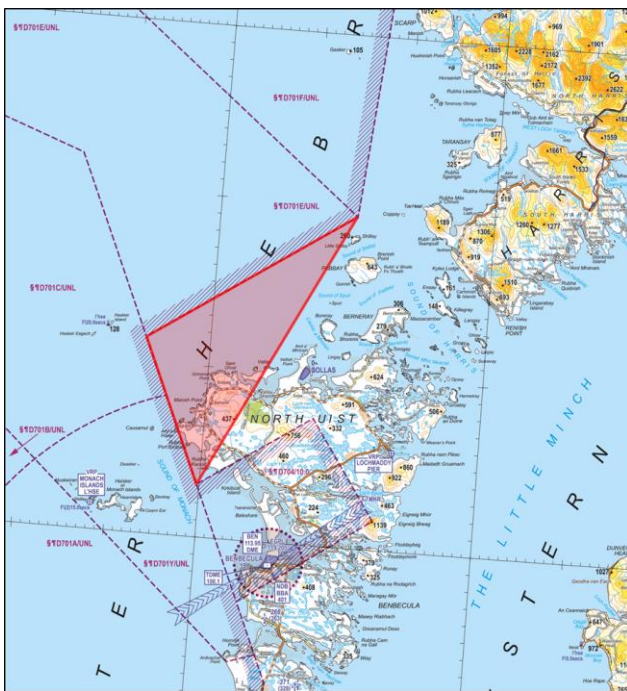


Figure 1: Original TDA Design 25 May 2021

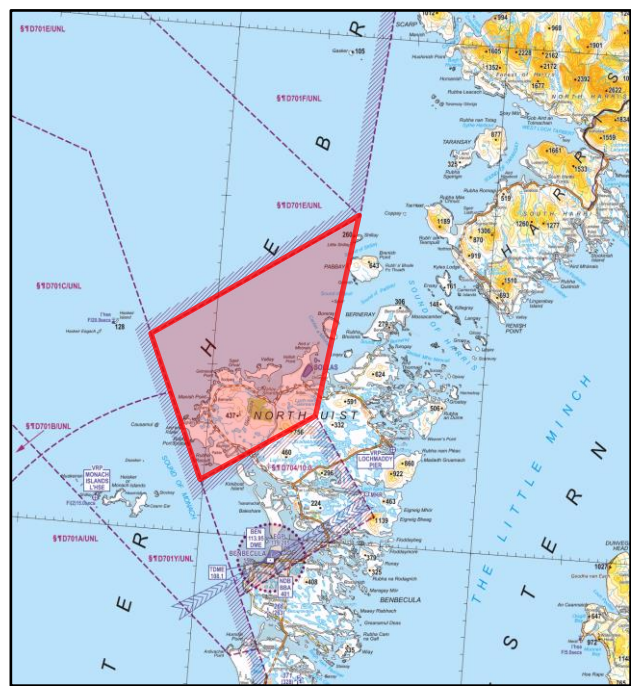


Figure 2: Revised TDA Design 18 Aug 2021

Details of Change

The change to the original design was needed following a comprehensive re-evaluation of the safety analysis, this resulted in an extension of the TDA to the East. The extension now enables a number of different types of sub-orbital sounding rockets to be launched safely from the Scolpaig site into D701. It is recognised that this extension of the Eastern boundary of the TDA may now have an

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You are respectfully requested to respond to this letter by 1200 Wednesday 1st September 2021.
Please provide feedback by email to the airspace change manager at: SP1ACP@QinetiQ.com

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