



Dear [REDACTED],

Owing to the delays experienced in being able to activate EG D097, we would like to request a 3-month extension to the availability period notified in AIC Y 011/2021 which currently expires on 23rd September 2021.

The reasons for delays to activation of EG D097 are associated with meeting conditions set out in CAP2106A. Namely, CAA Operating Safety Case (OSC) permissions and CAA Acceptance of Goodwood ATS Temporary Operating Instructions (TOI). At the time of writing, neither of our UAV operators have received OSC permissions to operate in EG D097, nor has the TOI been accepted which are both required for TDA activation.

Whilst all possible VLOS tests have been completed and surveillance installation complete, no BVLOS tests have yet taken place. Owing to the nearly 4-month delay there is not enough time remaining to collect the data that was identified in the original trial plan, to fulfil the objectives of the first part of the trial.

We are still working towards meeting the same objectives set out in Trial Plan V3 and therefore no change to the plan exists, other than the associated timelines and the dimensions and hours of activation.

We have notified our stakeholders of our intent to make this request and the responses to-date are wholly positive. We believe this is largely due to our proposal to significantly reduce the size of EG D097 from 24th September as well as limiting the times of activation to 0630-0900 local Mon-Fri, with no PM activation. Responses are attached for your reference.

We still have a number of days until the deadline we posed to stakeholders for responses (31st July) but we need to submit this request to the CAA in sufficient time to generate a '28 day request consideration period' to allow a seamless extension from 24th September through to 16th December to avoid losing another month. We will send through any other responses received at the start of next week commencing 2nd August.

The reason for reducing the size of the TDA to the South is two-fold:

- To further reduce the perceived impact on other airspace users regarding having to avoid EG D097 to the South and the concern from some that this compresses traffic into a funnel. There is no Controlled Airspace boundary to the South to generate compression and most users can also transit over the TDA however the proposed reduction in size totally eliminates this perceived impact.
- To remove any dependency on ACP-2021-002 who were restricted in their CAA permissions from TDA activation on the same day as EG D097.



We believe the new proposed dimensions of EG D097 from 24th September should enable the removal of any dependency with ACP-2021-002 who wish to activate their TDA daily, Mon-Thu (1400-1800) and Fri (1000-1430) from 24th September.

In a scenario where CAA determine that a dependency still exists between ACP-2021-002 and ourselves during the requested Sep-Dec period where we would be unable to activate on the same day, we would draw our project to a close in September and progress no further.

Whilst we demonstrated that the existing EG D097 mitigates any impact on Bognor Regis Gliding Club to a suitable extent, the proposal here further reduces any perceived impact.

No complaints have been received to-date although this is as expected given that we have not activated the TDA. We have however been performing VLOS testing at Goodwood Aerodrome and the Aerodrome have received no noise complaints.



The reduction in size of the TDA would negate the requirement to extend the following LoAs which would expire on 23rd September:

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

An extension to the TDA period would require extensions to the validity periods of the following LoAs:

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

Goodwood ATS TOI [REDACTED] would require an extension and an update to the figure in Appendix 1.

We appreciate these timescales are extremely tight for AIS publishing however the draft AIC based on the new co-ordinates and times is attached and ready for AIS submission. With your permission, we'd be able to submit this to AIS by 13th August pending a CAA decision to our request.

Please do let me know if you require more information.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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