

Dear Sir or Madam,

As requested in your correspondence below regarding stakeholder engagement for ACP-2021-007 and ACP-2021-048, the response from Borders Gliding Club, Milfield, is as follows:

ENGAGEMENT PART 1: ACP-2021-007 ACTIVATION FEEDBACK:

Safety – did the airspace itself cause any safety issues or raise any safety concerns?

No

Operational Impacts - What effect did the activation of the airspace have on your operation?

Gliding operations from Milfield were limited to FL60 and below during the hours when TDA597 was activated. This was only an issue on 10 and 17 Sep 21 as the Gliding Club was not operating on the other dates.

Airspace Management – how well did the notification, activation and management of the airspace work?

Excellent communication both prior and during the activation of TDA 597.

Air Traffic Management – Did the handling of military Ex traffic and/or civil traffic in and around TDA 597 cause any issues?

No

Environment and Noise – Did the activation of TDA 597 cause any environmental or noise concerns?

No

Any other observations about TDA 597 or ACP-2020-042 in general?

No

ENGAGEMENT PART 2: ACP-2021-048 FUURE ACTIVATION FEEDBACK:

Safety – Do you think that activation of the airspace will cause any safety issues or raise any safety concerns?

No

Operational Impacts – Will the activation of the airspace have any operational impact on your operations?

Yes - Gliding operations from Milfield will be limited to FL60 and below during the hours when TDA597 was activated. This would have been a significant problem had we had not been informed well in advance of the dates that TDA597 will be activated as they coincide with the dates when expeditions

and intensive flying weeks are usually planned. Dates have now been deconflicted, but there will still be some disruption on Fridays and at weekends.

Airspace Management – do you have any concerns about how the airspace will be managed?

No

Air Traffic Management – Do you have any concerns about how either civil or military traffic will be routed in or around TDA 597?

No, but military traffic should avoid Milfield airfield by a minimum of 5 nms when the airfield is active.

Environment and Noise – Do you expect any noise or environmental impact caused by civil aircraft as a direct result of TDA597 activation?

No

Do you have any other observations about TDA 597 or ACP-2021-048 in general?

No but, as stated previously, mutual co-operation and co-ordination is essential to avoid future disruption and confliction.

Kind regards,

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