

**MINUTES OF MOD ESKMEALS TEMPORARY DANGER AREA ASSESSMENT MEETING
HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE ON 9th SEPTEMBER 2020**

9th SEP 20

CAA
DAATM
DAAM DE&S Ranges
QinetiQ for MOD Eskmeals

Present	Appointment	Representing
	ATM Advisor QinetiQ	QinetiQ / MOD
	Airspace Regulator (Technical)	CAA 1
	Airspace Regulator (Utilisation)	CAA 2
	Airspace Regulator (Engagement & Consultation)	CAA 3
	Airspace Specialist (Engagement & Consultation)	CAA 4

CAA Assessment Meeting Opening Statement

CAA noted that the following documents – Statement of Need, Agenda and geographical depiction of TDA area, were received in advance of the Assessment Meeting and are already published on the CAA ACP Portal.


The purpose of the Assessment Meeting as set out in CAP1616 is for the Change Sponsor to present and discuss its Statement of Need, provide information on how it intends to fulfil the requirements of the airspace change process and present its provisional timescales. Lastly, the sponsor is required to provide information on how it intends to meet the engagement requirements of the process.

	ACTION
<p>Item 1 – Introduction</p> <p>CAA 1 opened the meeting and welcomed all those present. The CAA opening statement (as above) was read out and an acknowledgment of the documents already submitted was given. QQ stated that whilst this is a MOD sponsored ACP QinetiQ, as the operational user, had been delegated to be the primary point of contact.</p>	
<p>Item 2 – Statement of Need (discussion and review)</p> <p>QQ elaborated on the Statement of Need (SoN) to explain that nature of the activity currently undertaken at MOD Eskmeals. The unique capability being tested is risk assessed to establish a hazard safety trace which in turn determines the segregated airspace needed to provide protection for other airspace users. The airspace under consideration would not contain the fall of shot of the ordnance but is calculated to accommodate a worst-case scenario for fragmentation and ricochet. These calculations determined that the safety trace extended approximately 0.75 of a mile outside of the existing danger area EG D406A. A graphic has been submitted to illustrate. Previous execution of this activity has taken place at least once every year since 2016 and was notified to other airspace users by means of a temporary danger area (TDA).</p>	
<p>Item 3 – Issues or opportunities arising from proposed change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QQ acknowledge that the short notice and timescale was not ideal and that the exact firing window was subject to operational and trial delays which should be communicated to stakeholders. • QQ stated that 30th Nov 20 was the last firing window (starting date) opportunity for this activity this year. This was due to other trial considerations. • CAA1 advised that in view of the requirement it was appropriate to target specific aviation stakeholders who might be directly impacted by the TDA and to highlight the short engagement period. Consideration should also be made as to how the proposed design might affect traffic distribution below 7,000 feet (CAP 1616 para 302). 	
<p>Item 4 – Options to exploit opportunities or address issues identified</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QQ stated that as the trial specific to the TDA requirement would likely be a recurring event it is proposed that a full ACP for the permanent establishment of airspace would follow in due course. • CAA1 stated that it should be highlighted to the targeted stakeholders that the engagement is related to the TDA application and not to the full ACP. • CAA1 also advised that it should be emphasised to stakeholders that this was engagement and not a consultation 	
<p>Item 5 – Provisional indication of the scale level and process requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No scale recorded. 	
<p>Item 6 – Provisional process timescale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes to be published by 23rd Sep 20 • Collate targeted feedback by 28th Sep 20 and forward to CAA by 2nd Oct 20 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd - 19th Oct 20 CAA will assess application • Earliest decision date likely to be 19th Oct 20 • TDA promulgation date TBC. 	
<p>Item 7 – Next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QQ to commence stakeholder engagement as a matter of urgency. 	
<p>Item 8 – Any other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAA3 provided advice on type of stakeholder evidence required, methodology and the need to address any issues raised. 	

ACTIONS ARISING FROM MOD ESKMEALS NEW DANGER AREA ASSESSMENT MEETING

Subject	Name	Action	Deadline
Engagement	QQ	Commence engagement with targeted stakeholders.	16 th Sep 20
CAA Statement	CAA1	To provide AL with a copy of the CAA opening statement for the minutes	16 th Sep 20
Feedback	QQ	Collate and return evidence of engagement	28 th Sep 20


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