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Thanks [REDACTED]  
All reassuring! One point to note, our full schedules are not yet released (commercially sensitive) and being added to daily as the Civil Aviation industry recovers at quite a rapid pace! We are looking at a 4 fold increase in traffic levels between now and Summer; with potential for more. To that end an examination of our publicly available schedules would be a peek but not a full picture of what we may have.

I understand the need for longer but less activations but we feel this would be better consulted that simply being told. It would allow us to interact with our customers and other departments to fully assess the impacts and feedback. This is a two, not a one way street in effect, yes?

I did have a response from NATS to my points and a good few hours with the NERL team. I'm waiting on the LoA in draft V2 for a review. It should be noted that the LoA will require me to produce a NCL TOI or SOI to the CAA which requires the usual CAA review period before introduction. We are getting quite close to the time limits for this. All signatures are required, and CAA informing before we go 'live' with any March activations. I will need to fit this in to my schedule to review before signing also.

Great to hear the 78 Sqn are ramping up. While I accept the 2 tasks are separate we all know that they are conducted by the same physical bodies. If the bodies don't exist now (22 consecutive days of no Pennine radar now) I am not holding much faith that the capacity to deliver all the agreed services will improve by March. Saying this that is MoD internal and so my thoughts are likely to be seen as largely irrelevant, and that's fair.

So, next steps? LoA agreements and subsequent actions and a post ex review after March (assuming it goes ahead)?

Thanks,

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From: Air-AirspaceTrial (MULTIUSER) [mailto:Air-AirspaceTrial@mod.gov.uk]  
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Hi [REDACTED] and thanks for your response.

I totally understand and take on board your concerns. Regarding the August activations, yes, they are in the peak travel period but I did study your flight schedule and I concur with you that much of your seasonal traffic appears to be only slightly affected.

Regarding the length of the activations, the problem arising were we to reduce the length of time for each is that more activations would be required in order to hit all of the training objectives. Once you add the flight-plan buffer to the activation, there are time savings, and fuel saving to be made by having fewer but longer activations.

As soon as I have updated timings for September I will let you know. Along with this decision, the ingress/egress points will also be finalised and we will forward the detail to you. The LoA is still being worked on, have you had a response from NATS to the points you raised?

I met with 78 Sqn (Swanwick Mil) last month to discuss the Pennine radar task vs support to exercise. They are clear that the two tasks are separate and the Pennine radar service is dependent on their capacity and are aware that the demand increases during the summer months. Support to exercise is a higher priority than the Pennine radar task and they will plan accordingly to make sure they can provide a service to traffic affected by the unavailability of the route DCT CUTEL. To that end there were no refusals of service for your traffic requiring this during the activation in September. There is another temporary activation scheduled for March and we will again harvest the evidence from this to improve and learn any lessons for the planned summer/autumn activations.

Best Regards

Mike

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Hi [Redacted],

We note the times as set out in your attachment. We were under the impression that peak traffic times would be avoided yet 4 days appear in the Summer Holidays which is not in line with our expectations. We also specified that 1-2 hours at a time might be more achievable yet the proposals are in excess of 3 hours each.

I've done a study based on the current planned movements and, while there may be an impact to a number of flights in/out of NCL we accept that, currently, the impact is not excessive. Should our commercial position change we may need to revisit this. It should also be pointed out that there are still a number of agreements to be finalised before we remove any objections; such as egress/entry points and the LoA requirements for operating the TDA which have yet to be finalised and signed.

We also note the lack of specific detail for the proposed September dates and as such we have been unable to conduct an impact analysis on the NCL commercial operation. To this end we reserve the right to make comment on the Sept 22 proposals.

We still wait update on the ongoing lack of 78Sqn support to operations (Pennine Radar) which were linked to this proposal in our meeting in December. This concerns me with the proposal to activate TDA597 without the appropriate level of ATC to facilitate safe and effective movements in/out of the exercise area. NCL ATS will be operating to capacity over the Summer and will be highly unlikely to be in a position to offer any FIS to Mil ac involved in any large scale exercise.

Yours,

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Dear Stakeholders,

Please find attached a letter with the expected EG TDA 597 activation timings in Aug and Sep 2022.

Regards

Mike

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