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

As Sponsor for the above titled temporary airspace change, we contacted you in November last year updating you on the proposed timeline for activating a Temporary Danger Area (TDA) over the Spaceport 1 (SP-1) proposed launch site at Scolpaig, North Uist; at Figure 1. At time of writing it had been hoped to launch the first sub-orbital rocket from SP-1 into the existing Hebrides Range D701, in June this year. However, we are once again being forced to delay the first launch due to a number of factors, none of which are specifically airspace related. There are several key elements that are required to be in place to support a sounding rocket launch, one of these is the airspace change process that although largely complete, still awaits final CAA endorsement. This endorsement can only be made when confirmation of the first launch date is formally declared. The launch date is however predicated on the rocket provider firstly gaining the necessary CAA approvals or permissions to operate; this process can take in the region of six months to complete. Therefore, based on current information, it is not anticipated that the TDA at Scolpaig will be required before circa October/November 2022. Once we gain more information on how the approvals process is progressing, we will update all stakeholders accordingly and you will be given the opportunity to further comment on the TDA proposal, raise any issues, concerns or complaints.

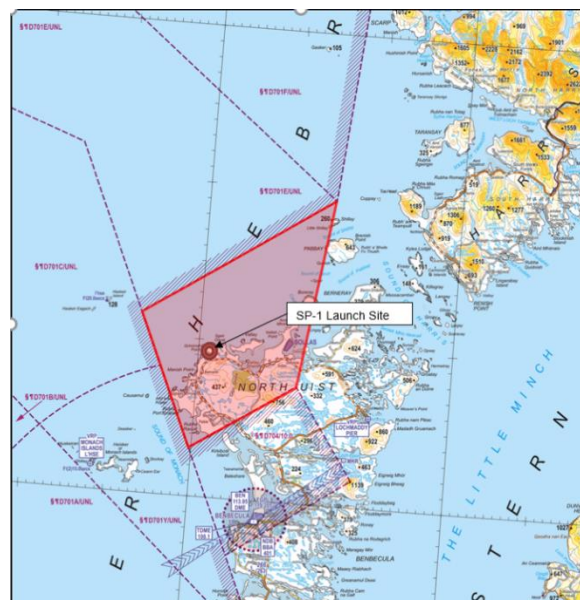


Figure 1: Spaceport – 1 Launch Site and Proposed TDA

Full details of the TDA proposal including the most recent report submitted to the CAA can be found at: <https://airspacechange.caa.co.uk/PublicProposalArea?pid=368>



If addressees require any additional information, or wish to make a complaint, then please contact the SP-1 airspace change manager at: SP1ACP@QinetiQ.com

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