

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING BETWEEN THE FAIRFORD ACP SPONSOR AND THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION – 8 JUN 2022

9 Jun 22

Present	Role	Representing
██████████	Stakeholder (CEO)	BGA
██████████	Sponsor	Fairford RPAS ACP

Following provision of feedback on Design Options and their potential impact on operations, the Sponsor met virtually with the Stakeholder to discuss gliding operations further and how impacts might be minimised.

Content	Action
<p>Item 1 – Introduction</p> <p>The Sponsor thanked the Stakeholder for making time for the meeting and the feedback already provided and briefly covered the background of the ACP and their role in it.</p>	
<p>Item 2 – Discussion of Impact on Operations</p> <p>The Sponsor referred to the Stakeholder’s feedback question on why proposed segment A (initial climb/final descent cylinder) requires a 6NM radius and explained that there has been clear direction to the RPA operators assisting with planning that the airspace can only be the minimum required to safely contain procedures. Although the Sponsor has not seen the exact procedures, they have been assured that no extra has been built and that this will be demonstrated to the CAA if required. The Stakeholder noted that the operator should modify the procedures if required to minimise the DA radius, which would be consistent with another recently consulted military RPAS DA.</p> <p>The Sponsor asked for more information on gliding above FL100 in Wales, which was suggested as having potential to be affected. The Stakeholder confirmed that the gliding activity does not take place during the proposed Danger Area activation window (1hr after sunset to 1hr before sunrise) but discussed the broader activities that can take place during the day in designated gliding areas, both with and without transponders. The Stakeholder suggested that the Sponsor take details of an operator (Phil King) who would be able to work with the team to provide guidance on frequently used gliding areas and how they might be avoided, where able. The Sponsor thanked the Stakeholder for their suggestion and agreed to pass those details to the airspace planner (John Gladney) to establish a dialogue.</p>	<p>Stakeholder to pass operator details to Sponsor¹.</p> <p>Sponsor to pass details to airspace planner to establish dialogue².</p>
<p>Item 3 – Closing</p> <p>The Sponsor thanked the Stakeholder for making time for the meeting and agreed that there should continue to be close engagement through the ACP process.</p>	

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ACP Sponsor

¹ Action completed 8 Jun 22.

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