



ACP-2021-006 ENABLING BVLOS UAS OPERATIONS FROM KEEVIL AIRFIELD

[STATEMENT]

The CAA approval for this Airspace Change Proposal (ACP) was subject to confirmation of the Sponsor meeting specified conditions¹. Whilst most of these conditions have been met, there are some that are yet to be fully addressed (see below). This is a result of many factors, but is largely due to need to discuss some of the topic areas in more detail to ensure that the correct agreements are established as described in the ACP Formal Proposal.

1. Draft LoAs shall be finalised and signed before the first activation of the Danger Area. Confirmation of this action is to be provided to the CAA.
Condition not fully met.
2. A Safety Case shall be provided to the CAA that considers the hazards, threats, prevention/recovery controls etc associated with HEMS pilots taking visual separation against BVLOS aircraft whilst inside the Danger Area. A crossing utilising the DACS will be required until such a time as the CAA has accepted the additional procedures described in the LoA.
Condition not fully met.
3. In accordance with the CAA Policy for Permanently Established Danger Areas and Temporary Danger Areas, unless otherwise approved by the CAA, a minimum of 24-hours notification before activity start time should be provided.
Condition met.
4. The Change Sponsor is to provide confirmation that London Information are aware of the requirement for them to provide a DAAIS on the proposed new Danger Area.
Condition met.
5. The MOD shall ensure that the activities undertaken at Keevil are published in the AIP ENR5.5 and on VFR charts clearly and accurately such that other airspace users can gain an understanding of likely airspace use in the area.
Condition not fully met.
6. The final wording in the AIP entry shall be agreed with the CAA prior to publication.
Condition met.
7. Prior to implementation of the Danger Area, the nominated DAA manager shall provide assurances to the CAA that they are aware of their responsibilities as described in CAA CAP740 and the CAA Policy for Permanently Established Danger Areas and Temporary Danger Areas.
Condition met.

¹ [CAA Final Decision Log](#)

8. A Consultation Review Document and a Final Submission Document must be amended to account for the responses received from the MOD and individual GA pilot. That includes statistics and analysis of those responses. For transparency purposes copies of the responses must be included in 'Stakeholder Engagement Evidence' document. Confirmation of this action is to be provided to the CAA.

Condition met

Despite not all conditions being fully met, the CAA approves the use of the Keevil Danger Area (EGD148) for MOD activities taking place throughout June 2023. This is based on the following considerations:

1. The MOD exercise planned for June 2023 is an important aspect of testing the WATCHKEEPER capability for operating out of Keevil and is timed to meet with other operational and training requirements.
2. The Sponsor has maintained effective communications with the signatories thus far in their efforts to develop the appropriate Letters of Agreement. In addition, the Sponsor has expressed to the signatories a commitment to continue to develop these agreements to enable increased sharing of the airspace.
3. The signatories to the Letters of Agreement have not expressed any concerns with the MOD's intent to activate EGD148 throughout June 2023, which is expected to occur during weekdays during daylight hours only.
4. The Sponsor has committed to conducting a review following the June 2023 activations of EGD148 to identify any issues or areas for improvement in the use of the airspace.
5. The Letter of Agreement confirming the provision of a Danger Area Crossing Service by MOD Boscombe Down ATC has been agreed by the signatories.
6. The CAA will continue to work with the Sponsor and other parts of the MOD to ensure that the Conditions are addressed satisfactorily as soon as practicable.

Whilst no further activations of EGD148 are planned after the June 2023 exercise, any requirement to do so will be subject to additional conversations with the CAA. Further updates on the status of the ACP Conditions will be provided as necessary.

[END STATEMENT]