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ACP-2026-001

Enabling Protector Access to/from RNAS Yeovilton

Suggested revision: *Enabling Protector access to/from RNAS Yeovilton as soon as practicable*



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 - i. TDA Policy Statement (if applicable)
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1. Introduction(CAA)



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2. Statement of Need (All)

Facilitate access to RNAS Yeovilton for the MALE RPAS, Protector

Suggested revision: There is a requirement for the Medium Altitude Long Endurance (MALE) Remotely Piloted Air System (RPAS), Protector, to access the airfield at Royal Naval Air Station (NAS) Yeovilton, as soon as practicable.



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3. Issues or opportunities arising from Proposed Change

Issues

- Protector is currently limited to accessing only 2 military airfields in the UK due to;
 - Performance of on-board systems
 - Air system flight profiles (Automatic Take-off and Landing Capability (ATLC))
 - Surrounding airspace of requisite military airfields inaccessible to Protector (class G)
- Proximity and impact to adjacent airfields and local airspace users

Opportunities

- Exploit experience of similar, previously approved ACPs for Protector
- To inform ACP-2026-002 (pursuit of a permanent solution)



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4. Process requirements (CAA)

- TDA Policy Statement
- Stakeholder engagement
- Safety Assessment



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5. Provisional timescales (All)

Desirable implementation: Q4 2026

AIC/SUP Submission Cut Off	AIC/SUP Finalised	Publication Date
4 Sep 26	25 Sep 26	25 Oct 26
2 Oct 26	23 Oct 26	12 Nov 26
30 Oct 26	20 Nov 26	10 Dec 26



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6. Next Steps (All)

Discussion



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7. AOB (All)

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