

All NATMAC Representatives

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NATMAC INFORMATIVE LETTER

Dear Colleagues

AREAS OF INTENSE AIR ACTIVITY (AIAA)

The letter of 14th April 2008¹ initiated the above Review and your views were solicited in response to the Consultative Letters of 14th November 2008 and 1st June 2009 along with the associated Phase 1 and 2 Reports. The Directorate has considered your responses and the Review is now complete and I undertook to inform you of the changes that I intend to make:

Vale of York AIAA. The ceiling of the AIAA will be lowered to FL100 from FL190. Notified hours of peak activity (listed in the UK AIP ENR) adjusted to 0900 - 1700 Mon to Fri in Winter (Summer 1hr earlier) and amended to reflect practice forced landing exercises.

Lincolnshire AIAA. The ceiling of the AIAA will be lowered to FL130 from FL180 and the floor lowered from 2 500ft to the surface. Notified hours of peak activity (listed in the UK AIP ENR) adjusted to 0900 – 1700 Mon to Fri in Winter (Summer 1hr earlier) and amended to reflect practice forced landing exercises. The northwestern boundary of the area will be amended to exclude the geographic area enclosed by the RHADS CTA-3.

Boscombe Advisory Radio Area (ARA). The ceiling of the ARA will be lowered to FL195 from FL245. Temporary Restricted Area 2 (TRA02) fulfils testing requirements above FL195 up to FL245.

Lossiemouth AIAA. The Lossiemouth AIAA will be removed.

Spadeadam AIAA. The ceiling of the AIAA will be raised to 5500ft ALT from 4500ft aligning with the permanent ceiling of EG D510.

¹ NATMAC Informative, 14 April 2008.

Shawbury AIAA. The geographical dimension of the AIAA will be aligned with the boundary of Low Flying Area² 9.

Wash AIAA. The ceiling of the AIAA will be lowered to 3500ft from FL50 aligning with EG PMR225. Notified hours of peak activity adjusted to 0900 – 1700 Mon to Thu, Fri 0900 – 1500 in Winter (Summer 1hr earlier) in order to more closely align with daytime EG D207 and EG D308 range activity.

Culdrose AIAA. The ceiling of the AIAA will be raised from 5800ft to 6000ft ALT to provide consistency with the Yeovilton AIAA. The southeastern boundary of the AIAA will be aligned with the boundary of EG D006.

I believe that the dimensions of the areas as described, accurately reflect the disposition of activity in the delineated airspace and balance the needs of various stakeholders. Appropriate amendment to the AIP ENR and CAA VFR Charts enhance the information provided to airspace users to assist with flight planning and safety assessment. The adjusted arrangements will be implemented on 14th January 2010, AIRAC Cycle 1/2010. Should you have any further questions on points of detail, please contact Richard Hinchcliffe, Off-Route Airspace Section (020 7453 6543, richard.hinchcliffe@caa.co.uk) here at CAA House.

Yours sincerely

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