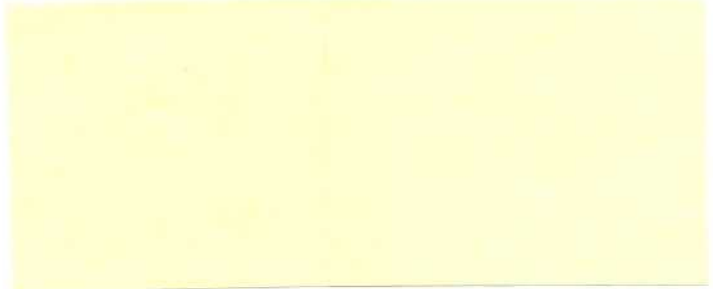




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Dear Mr E Paintin,

Airspace Change Proposal for the Wales UAS Environment (ParcAberporth)

The Welsh Assembly Government has identified the aerospace sector and its related segments to be of key strategic importance. The strategy identifies key aerospace sub-sectors as critical to economic growth. The unmanned systems sector constitutes one of these key sectors.

The unmanned systems sub-sector at ParcAberporth therefore forms a strategic part of other policies within Wales – it forms part of the Wales Spatial Plan as well as an element of the developing Local Plan for Ceredigion.

The vision for ParcAberporth is to create an environment capable of supporting and driving forward the aerospace industry in this sector, through the provision of a fully integrated infrastructure for Unmanned Aircraft Systems.

The development of global interest in ParcAberporth (as the overarching brand including West Wales Airport) has been unprecedented in this type of proactive sector development in Wales, and possibly the UK. But, in order to attract greater international recognition, further critical infrastructure must be put in place, most notably airspace. Therefore, a key part of our strategy is to work with Government and other agencies to further develop the capabilities at ParcAberporth, specifically to propose and develop the surrounding airspace to allow a broader geographic range of UAS operations. In the longer term, development of infrastructure and services at ParcAberporth will lead to the creation of new jobs, a thriving local economy and greater prosperity for the West Wales Region.

In support of this activity, the Welsh Assembly Government is sponsoring an Airspace Change Proposal (ACP) submission to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). As part of the ACP process, consultation will take place with a broad cross-section of stakeholder groups representing the local community, the aviation industry as well as regional and national organisations. Furthermore, there will be a period of formal public consultation providing the opportunity for feedback and comments on the proposed design and any impact it may have.

The proposal, along with responses to the consultation will be submitted to CAA for consideration. If CAA is satisfied that the correct process has been followed, and the design is safe and effective, it is likely that the change will be approved.

I am writing to you now to let you know that UK Flight Safety Committee has been identified as a stakeholder, and that we will be contacting you in due course as part of the consultation process. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns about the ACP, please do not hesitate contacting me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Cremin', with a stylized, cursive script.

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