

All NATMAC Representatives

DAP/ORR/ORR4/HertiUAV

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NATMAC INFORMATIVE LETTER

Dear Colleagues,

ESTABLISHMENT OF RESTRICTED AIRSPACE (TEMPORARY) (RA(T)) IN THE VICINITY OF BARROW/WALNEY ISLAND AERODROME

As part of the development programme for the Herti Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), BAe Systems has requested the establishment of segregated airspace in the vicinity of Barrow/Walney Island Aerodrome from 24th September to 24th December 2008, as detailed at Annex A. To facilitate the launch and recovery of the UAV at its operating base, Barrow, restricted airspace consisting of a circle of 3.5nm radius will be established around Barrow from surface to 5000ft amsl. In addition, a trials area to the west of Barrow, from sea level to FL60, will be established. This airspace is connected to EGD 406 (Eskmeals Danger Area), where it is also intended to conduct some of the flying activities.

In order to provide a safe operating environment for the UAV and to ensure its segregation from other airspace users, a RA(T) will be established from 0800 to 2000 (local)¹, Monday to Friday, under the control of BAe Systems Warton and Barrow Aerodrome. It is recognised that UAV operations will not be continuous throughout these times and BAe Systems will manage the airspace to ensure that other airspace users can transit the area when UAV activities are not taking place.

I am content that this activity must be segregated from other airspace users and that BAe Systems will allow access to other aircraft, when safe to do so. I intend to implement these changes on 11 September 2008 through the publication of an Aeronautical Information Circular. Any queries concerning the detail of this proposal should be directed to Doug Robertson, Off-Route Airspace Section (020 7453 6544) here at CAA House.



*Yours sincerely
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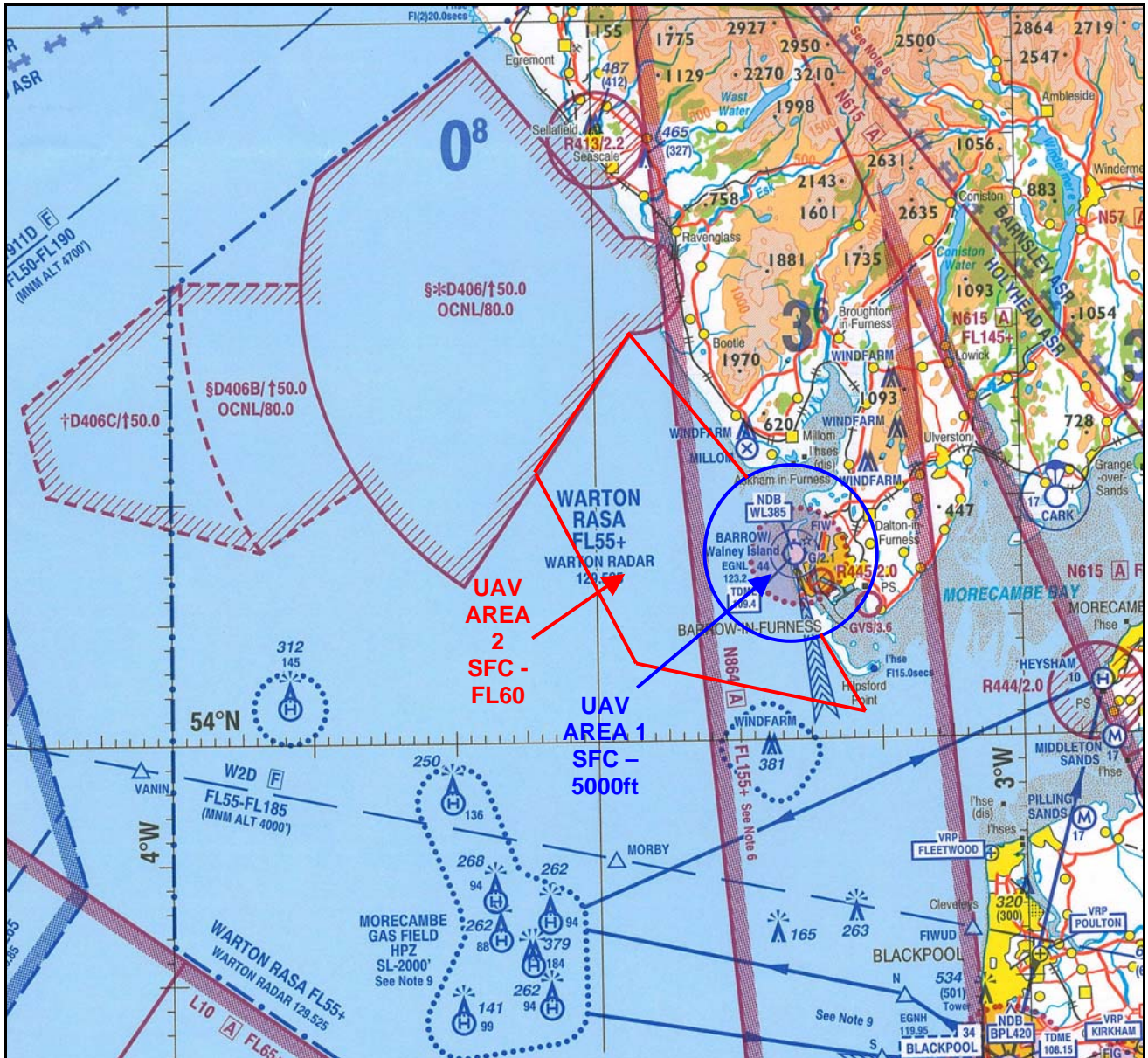
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Director

Annex:

A. Restricted Area (Temporary) BAe Systems Herti 24 September to 24 December 2008.

¹ From 26 Oct 08 operating hours will be 0830 to 1730 (local).

**RESTRICTED AREA (TEMPORARY)
BAE SYSTEMS HERTI 24 SEPTEMBER TO 24 DECEMBER 2008**



UAV Area 1 - A circle, radius 3.5NM centred on 540738N 0031542W from SFC to 5000AMSL.

UAV Area 2 - Bounded by the coordinates 541108N 0033407W - 541701N 0032723W - 541023N 0031922W thence anti-clockwise by the arc of a circle of 3.5NM centred on 540738N 0031542W to 540415N 0031415W - 540100N 0031100W - 540300N 0032700W - 541108N 0033407W from SFC to FL60.