

Letter of Agreement

NATS Edinburgh Air Traffic Control

and

Scottish Mountain Paragliding Club

1. General

This Letter of Agreement (LOA) is effective from the day that Edinburgh's revised Class 'D' Airspace is implemented and will be reviewed annually from that date. It may be reviewed at anytime if so requested by NATS or Scottish Mountain Paragliding Club. The first review will however, involve a joint evaluation of the effectiveness of the procedures.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this LOA is to define and document procedures which will permit NATS ATC Controllers at Edinburgh Airport to allow paraglider operations within Edinburgh's Class D airspace.

3. Amendment

Any amendments to this LOA or the arrangements contained therein will be effective only with the written consent of the signatories to this LOA or their successors.

4. Procedure

Three areas have been designated for paraglider operations in Edinburgh's Cat D airspace. These are as follows:

4.1 Hillend Paragliding Zone

Hillend is that part of the Edinburgh Control Zone enclosed by a circle radius 1 nm centred on 55:52:59N 003:13:19W, the summit of Caerketton Hill above Hillend Ski Centre. This airspace extends from surface level to a maximum of 3000ft Edinburgh QNH.

4.2 Pentland Hills Paragliding Zone

Pentland Hills is that part of the Edinburgh Control Zone extending from 55:53:44N 003:14:31W thence clockwise by the arc of a circle of radius 1 nm centred on 55:52:59 N 003:13:19W - 55:52:30N 003:11:45W - 55:47:08N 003:19:27W thence clockwise by the arc of a circle of radius 10 nm centred on 55:57:00N 003:22:21W - 55:47:41N 003:28:48W - 55:53:44N 003:14:31W. The airspace extends from surface level to a maximum of 3000ft Edinburgh QNH.

4.3 Moorfoot Hills Paragliding Zone

Moorfoot Hills is that part of the Edinburgh Control Area extending from 55:41:25N 002:55:10W - 55:48:39N 002:52:39W - 55:41:25N 003:12:44W - 55:41:25N 002:55:10W. The airspace extends from 3500ft Edinburgh QNH up to 4000ft Edinburgh QNH.

4.4 Activation

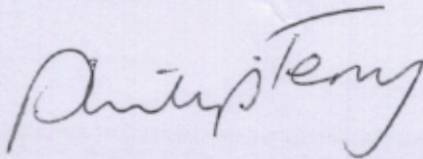
The pilot of a paraglider will contact the Edinburgh ATC Watch Manager by telephone (0131 333 6239) and request permission to operate in the required area. Depending upon the runway in use Edinburgh ATC will give approval for operations to take place. If runway 24 is in use the maximum altitude in either the Hillend or Pentland Zones will be 2000ft Edinburgh QNH, if runway 06 is in use the maximum altitude will be 3000ft Edinburgh QNH. The maximum altitude in the Moorfoot Hills Zone will be 4000ft Edinburgh QNH irrespective of which runway is in use at Edinburgh.

The pilot will be required to give a telephone number where he or a representative can be contacted in the event that operations need to be suspended. A further phone call from the paraglider pilot is also required when all operations have finished.

4.5 ATC Clearance

Flights in any of the three areas must be carried out under the Visual Flight Rules. The weather criteria for operations in the Hillend and Pentland Zones will be the current meteorological conditions reported by Edinburgh ATC. The actual weather conditions are available on the Edinburgh ATIS frequency 131.35 MHz or via the telephone on 0131 333 6216. Pilots operating at the Moorfoot Hills site will be responsible for determining whether or not flights can be carried out under VFR.

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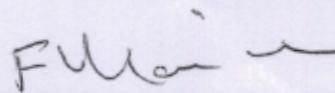


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On behalf of
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20/11/05