



GENERAL AVIATION PARTNERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday 9th November 2022 – 11:00 – 13:30
Via Microsoft Teams Conference Call

Representatives from the following Organisations Attended:

CAA
DfT
Air Pilots
Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
Airfield Operators Group
Airspace for All
British Air Display Association (BADA) Chair
British Balloon and Airship Club
British Business and General Aviation Association
British Gliding Association
British Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association
British Helicopter Association
British Microlight Aircraft Association
British Rotorcraft Association
British Skydiving
Cameron Balloons
CHIRP
Flying Farmers Association
GASCo
General Aviation Alliance and Royal Aero Club
General Aviation Awareness Council
Helicopter Club of Great Britain
Historic Aircraft Association
Light Aircraft Association
PPL/IR Europe
Royal Aeronautical Society – General Aviation Group
The Light Aircraft Company
The Royal Institute of Navigation

Apologies:

Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
Association of Light Aircraft Engineers
British Model Flying Association
British Skydiving
Commercial Ballooning Association
General Aviation Awareness Council
PPL/IR Europe
Royal Aeronautical Society Engineering Group
UK Flight Safety Committee

1. Introductions

The Chair opened the meeting, went through the agenda items and thanked everyone for attending.

Section One

2. **GA Advocate Introduction** – M Pearson discussed his role as the GA Advocate covering priorities and ambitions which included the General Aviation Roadmap 2021, Flightpath to the Future, - Skills and STEM projects, Airfield Protection, Airspace reform and the delivery of the AMS Airspace Modernisation Strategy (including on EC), Regulation and Safety Post-EASA, Policy and Governance including the GA for Business Forum.
3. **Low Flying Frequency** - Squadron Leader Osborne presented on VHF Low Level Common Frequency 130.490 and provided insights into VHF levels in the UK, VHF LL Common trial in conjunction with the CAA support, obtaining continual use of LARS and measures to avoid mid-air collision. Future next steps included communication and nav kit distribution across GA sectors. GAP members queried how many frequencies would be made available to the GA community. Offer made by the LAA to support any joint communications activities going forward.
4. **UK-EU Exit Programme Summary Update – The CAA EU-Exit team** discussed the context of EU exit and the associated impacts on the GA Sector. This included detail in relation to the EU Exit programme, engagement activity, applications and approvals including licencing as well as Third Country Operator licenses and associated risks. The team covered the requirement for EASA issued licences to have a UK CAA approval from 1 January 2023 as well as the negotiation process e.g., bilateral agreements and governing bodies (CAA, DfT, Government) that are involved in any proposals. This presentation incited a high level of discussion amongst the GAP group who raised concerns relating to CAA/DfT timeframes and engagement on the Retained EU Law Bill proposal implications, and the potential impacts of EU exit changes on GA businesses including the difficulty in acquiring refurbished aircraft parts from across the EU for parts of the sector. Discussions points included the use of EASA Form 1's, associated financial challenges, potential impact on safety and the need for further consultation with the GA community.
 - Further information of Part-ML and Part-CAO Airworthiness requirements for 'Light Aircraft' can be found [Here](#)
5. **Innovation in Airspace Integration- The CAA innovation team** discussed the Landscape of Innovation in Airspace Integration including emerging themes in BVLOS integration, the CAA's response to Innovation in airspace integration.



Section Two

- 6. Community in the Spotlight** – Feature focused on the British Hang and Paragliding Association (BHPA) with a presentation provided by M Shaw. A detailed overview was provided on Aircraft types, numbers of participants and airframes flying, types of equipment and flights including different jump terrain and distances travelled, incident and accidents numbers, CAA Paramotor infringements project, Electronic Conspicuity and EC rebate scheme. The CAA will supply a case study on the BHPA and the CAA’s visit.

The video will be uploaded onto the BHPA website and shared via link in due course.

One of the videos can be found [Here](#)

- 7. DfT Update** – The DfT Stakeholder Manager provided an overview on recent work including recent Ministerial changes, the Public Body review of the CAA, GA Policy Updates including on a GA Handbook, the Airfield Advisory Team (AAT) ,, the Decarbonising GA Research Project, the launch of the Generation Aviation campaign, and updates on the Reach for the Sky Challenge Fund and the Aviation Ambassadors.
- 8. AOB** – update slides from GA Change Programme update and Comms Overview and Next Quarter

The Chair thanked everyone who attended and closed the meeting.

**Proposed Date for the next General Aviation Partnership Meetings is
Thursday 23rd February 2023 – 11:00 – 13:30**