

**AIRSPACE CO-ORDINATION NOTICE**

Safety and Airspace Regulation Group



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## AERIAL SURVEY BIRMINGHAM SWISS FLIGHT

# CAT Z

**Subject to NOTAM: No****Date(s) of activity/Validity:**

29 Jan – 31 Dec 24

**Times**

0800-1800 Local

**Vertical Limits:**

FL160

**Allocated Mode 3A (SSR):**

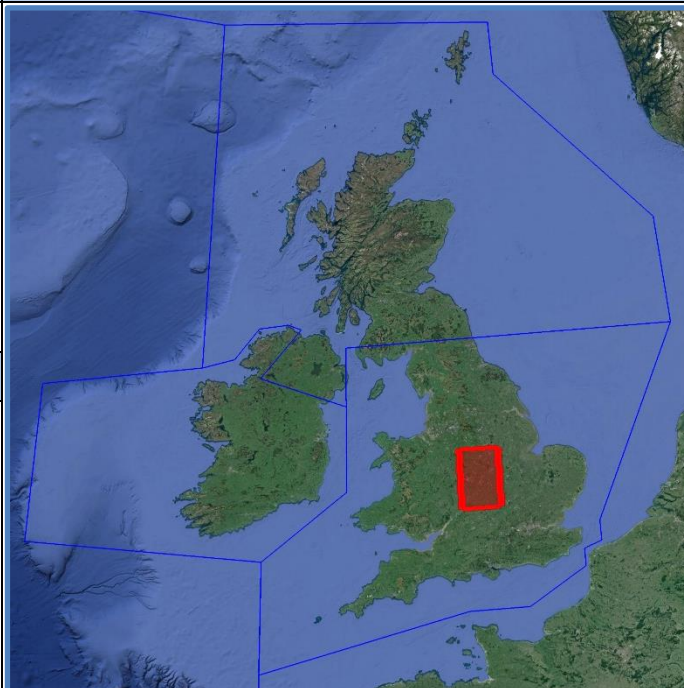
Tactically Issued by ATC

**Aircraft Details:**
 Type: PC12  
 Callsign: TOPOxx
**NDS Approved:**

No

**Event Sponsor(s):**
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**ATS Units/  
Controlling Agencies:**

Brize Norton	01993 897878
Prestwick ACC	01294 655300
Swanwick LTC	02380 401110
Swanwick Mil (78 Sqn) – East	01489 612408
Swanwick Mil (78 Sqn) – West	01489 612417
Waddington Radar <sup>1</sup>	01526 347443

**Geographical Limits:****Airspace Reservations:**

NSGA 3	Derbyshire	See Para 25
NSGA 4	Wales	See Para 25

**Departure/Destination Aerodrome(s)**

TBC during prenote

**ACN Issued by:**

AU3

<sup>1</sup> Waddington Radar, situated within the Lincolnshire Terminal Air Traffic Control Centre, located at RAF Coningsby. On calling, ask for transfer to Waddington Radar.

## SECTION 1: CO-ORDINATION ARRANGEMENTS (GENERAL)

1. The pilot/operator is requested to telephone the ATC authorities on the cover prior to departure in order to notify or update the sortie details including area(s) of operation and planned levels (quoting the ACN Reference). A minimum of 24 hours' notice should be given unless specified in Section 2.
2. There may be other aircraft and/or activities outside Controlled/Regulated Airspace unknown to ATC.
3. The carriage and operation of a serviceable transponder (including Mode 'C') has been specified.
4. The pilot will be responsible for obtaining all necessary ATC clearances and for maintaining R/T contact with appropriate ATC authorities.
5. The pilot/operator will be responsible for obtaining prior clearances to enter any UK Danger Areas affected by the flight profile from the appropriate Range Control Authority unless this is specifically detailed in Section 2.
6. Other Unusual Aerial Activities (UAAs) may be notified to the CAA Safety and Airspace Regulation Group (SARG) and may take place within the airspace encompassed by this flight. The pilot/operator is to ensure that UK Daily NOTAM Nav Warnings are consulted prior to each flight.
7. All flights within Controlled Airspace are subject to the requirements of a Flight Plan in accordance with UK AIP ENR1.10. The ACN Reference should be entered into Field 18 of the Flight Plan together with any relevant 'special handling' codes.
8. Flight prioritisation and Non-Deviating Status is in accordance with the information specified on the ACN Cover. Such status may be afforded to part or all of the flight – see Section 2.
9. Availability of an ATS from Plymouth Military, Swanwick Military (78 Sqn) or Western Radar is subject to unit capacity, priorities and limitations of radar and radio coverage. Minimum pre-flight notification as per UK AIP ENR 1.6 unless otherwise specified in Section 2 of this ACN.
10. The CAA actively encourages the use of Moving map technology in the planning and flying phases of flights to reduce the risk of airspace infringements.

## PUBLICATIONS AND CHANGES

11. The activity area may lie within Controlled and Uncontrolled Airspace as well as airspace reserved for military use. Aircrew are to thoroughly familiarise themselves with UK airspace structures and procedures, in particular those laid down within the UK Aeronautical Information Publication (UK AIP), ENR 1.1 and be fully conversant with UK Flight Information Services in accordance with UK CAP 493 (MATS Pt 1).
12. The CAA VFR 1:500,000 and 1:250,000 charts and the UK AIP ENR 5 depict some, but not all aviation activity sites and amendments should also be checked. Please refer to <http://www.nats-uk.ead-it.com>
13. This ACN details specific coordination essential to the activity taking place and does not remove the need for aircraft operators to comply with national flight planning and notification procedures. Pilots and ANSPs are required to ensure that all related aviation sites are aware of this planned activity and of subsequent changes not captured within this document.
14. The Sponsor or Event Organiser should co-ordinate any changes to this ACN with SARG quoting the ACN Reference at the top of the page.

Airspace Regulation (Utilisation) – AU3  
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Tel: 01293 983880

**SECTION 2: CO-ORDINATION ARRANGEMENTS (SPECIFIC)**

15. This ACN details the flight profiles for an aerial survey of the Birmingham area. The estimated task duration is 4.5 hours.

16. This ACN replaces 2023-02-0047 – no changes.

17. Due to the location of the survey, the airspace sectorisation split and overlap between Prestwick ACC and Swanwick LTC, the sponsor will be required to operate the legs in a direction specified by ATC and, should expect frequent frequency changes between the two agencies. This may mean significant delays between legs, as each measured run will need to be individually coordinated and will need to operate in the same direction as the traffic flows.

**18. The sponsor is responsible for obtaining any required permits to fly within UK airspace; this ACN does not constitute approval to fly in UK airspace, but only outlines the coordination process/contacts to facilitate the flight.**

19. **Notification.** The sponsor is to notify the agencies listed on page one of this ACN at least 4 hours prior to departure to confirm final details and availability of an ATS.

20. **Priority.** This flight has been categorised as CAT Z, (*CAP 493 – Section 1, Ch4, Para 10c refers,*) and attracts no priority. Subject to the prevailing traffic conditions on the day, there may be level restrictions, or the aircraft may be provided vectors / requested to hold to allow most efficient use of airspace.

21. **Air Traffic Service (ATS) Provision – Controlled Airspace (CAS).** Access to controlled airspace is subject to the prevailing traffic situation and controller workload. The pilot is responsible for obtaining a clearance to enter controlled airspace prior to penetration.

22. **ATS Provision – Outside CAS.** The survey area is within the coverage of the following units:

a. Brize Norton	124.275 MHz
b. Swanwick Mil – East	133.325 MHz
c. Swanwick Mil – West	128.700 MHz
d. Western Radar	132.300 MHz
e. Waddington	119.500 MHz

23. Availability of an ATS from a unit is not guaranteed, is subject to controller availability, unit workload and possible reduced hours of operations. Amendments to the published hours of availability, as listed in the UK AIP ENR 1.6 – Para 4.1, AD2 or UK Military AIP, shall be notified via NOTAM.

24. **ATS Provision above FL100.** This service is available to all aircraft flying outside Controlled Airspace in the UK FIRs between FL 100 and FL 190, and within active TRAs and is subject to Unit capacity. The Units providing this service together with their boundaries are depicted within the UK AIP on the chart ENR 6-12. ENR 1.6 (4.2) lists their hours of operation, the RTF operating frequency on which this service is normally provided and a telephone number for pre-flight contact. A FPL should be filed and include the following addresses:

- a. EGZYOATT Swanwick Mil (78 Sqn)
- b. EGTTFZC Western Radar

25. Amendments to the published hours of availability, as listed in the UK AIP ENR 1.6 – Para 4.2, shall be notified via NOTAM.

26. Between the hours of 18:00 to 08:00 (local time) on a weekday, at any time on a weekend or during a UK public holiday, Swanwick Mil (78 Sqn) require at least two weeks prior notice in order to obtain an ATS in support of this task.

27. **Non-SSR Gliding Areas.** The sponsor should exercise caution when operating in these areas, as gliders without transponders may be encountered up to FL195. For info see the UK AIP: *ENR 1.1 (Para 1.12), ENR 5.2 (NSGA) and ENR6-63.*



## SECTION 3

### Area of Operation

Charts highlighting the area of operation are shown below. These are for illustrative purposes only and not for operational planning.

Chart 1 – Overview

