



11 December 2009
FOIA reference: F0000906

Dear XXXX

I am writing in respect of your recent application of 18 November 2009, for the release of information held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Your request:

"I'd like some information about Airprox incidents at Leeds-Bradford and Doncaster Robin Hood airports.

I would like to make exactly the same request for information about Airprox incidents, but relating to Leeds-Bradford and Doncaster Robin Hood airports".

In assessing your request in line with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we are pleased to be able to provide the information below.

The CAA's Mandatory Occurrence Reporting (MOR) Scheme is intended to record reportable occurrences, which endangered or which, if not corrected, would have endangered an aircraft, its occupants or any other person. All Airprox incidents are considered to be reportable under the CAA scheme if they involved at least one civil aircraft.

The UK Airprox Board (UKAB) separately collect reports of Airprox incidents, which fall outside of the CAA scheme, in part because Airprox reports are recorded to a different level of detail from other MOR's. The UKAB produces a regular review of recently assessed Airprox incidents, which can be found at the following website address:

<http://www.airproxboard.org.uk>

We have searched the CAA database for Airprox incidents reported for;

1. Calendar years 2007 - 2009 (up to and including reports processed by Safety Data as at 24 November 2009 inclusive);

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2. Involving at least one aircraft either departing from, or arriving at, either Leeds- Bradford or Doncaster Airports;
3. Involving at least one Commercial Air Transport aircraft; and
4. Airprox occurred within 60nm of one of the aforementioned airports

Please note that any event which has yet to be fully investigated and assessed by the independent Airprox Board is excluded, as the preliminary information is based on the perception of inadequate separation between aircraft, and not necessarily factual information.

Nine reports meet the above criteria of which eight of the incidents were assessed as risk category C, 'No risk of collision existed. One of the reports (200800068) was assessed as risk category B, 'the safety of the aircraft was compromised'.

The attachments enclosed include summary reports of Airprox incidents, which have been either closed on receipt, or investigated and subsequently closed by the CAA. These reports provided have been subject to a separate review by the UKAB and the results from their findings will be published on their website in due course.

If you are unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach the Freedom of Information Case Manager in writing at:-

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The CAA has a formal internal review process for dealing with appeals or complaints in connection with Freedom of Information requests. The key steps in this process are set in the attachment.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner at:-

Information Commissioner's Office
FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk/complaints.aspx

Should you wish to make further Freedom of Information requests, please use the e-form at <http://www.caa.co.uk/foi>.

Yours sincerely

Rick Chatfield
FoIA & EIR Case Manager

CAA INTERNAL REVIEW & COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

- The original case to which the appeal or complaint relates is identified and the case file is made available;
- The appeal or complaint is allocated to an Appeal Manager, the appeal is acknowledged and the details of the Appeal Manager are provided to the applicant;
- The Appeal Manager reviews the case to understand the nature of the appeal or complaint, reviews the actions and decisions taken in connection with the original case and takes account of any new information that may have been received. This will typically require contact with those persons involved in the original case and consultation with the CAA Legal Department;
- The Appeal Manager concludes the review and, after consultation with those involved with the case, and with the CAA Legal Department, agrees on the course of action to be taken;
- The Appeal Manager prepares the necessary response and collates any information to be provided to the applicant;
- The response and any necessary information is sent to the applicant, together with information about further rights of appeal to the Information Commissioners Office, including full contact details.