

Aviation House Gatwick Airport West Sussex RH6 OYR

Our Ref: ACP 2014-04

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Highland and Islands Airports Ltd Inverness Airport Inverness IV2 7JB

Dear ,

In considering the airspace construct in ACP 2014-04, the CAA understands that it is Invernesses desire to implement CAS to facilitate future safe and efficient operations at the airport.

However, due to certain members of the Gliding Community being able to fly under specific conditions (a Cloud Flying Rating) at certain time of the year, the proposed design and designation, of CTA 8, as is it stands would preclude access to these glider pilots and prevent them from exercising the ratings they hold.

There is therefore, a requirement for further engagement between HIAL and Cairngorm Glider Club based at Feshiebridge.

In other areas of the UK, where the specific nature of certain glider flying has been successfully integrated, the stakeholders have utilised certain options under a Flexible Use of Airspace (FUA) arrangement, such as temporary segregated airspace.

The CAA would like to request that the issue, with regard to access to CTA 8, be re-examined by the sponsor and the key stakeholder in order to ensure that there is safe and equitable access to the airspace in question.

The CAA would like to be kept informed of how the discussions progress and of what solution(s) are tabled, in order to bring about an expedient and satisfactory conclusion to this ACP.

Yours sincerely,

