

AIRSPACE CO-ORDINATION NOTICE

Safety and Airspace Regulation Group



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Civil Aviation Authority

E-7 WEDGETAIL RADAR TRIAL NORTH FIR BOUNDARY

NDS

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

23 July 26 – 23 December 26

Times - ALL TIMES UTC¹

0700-1900

Vertical Limits:

FL280-330 RVSM approved

Allocated Mode 3A (SSR):*Allocated on request***Aircraft Details:**

Type: Wedgetail AEW MK 1

Callsign: BOEING_{xx} / REDHOOK_{xx}**NDS Approved:***Yes – Subject to the conditions in Section 2***Event Sponsor(s):**

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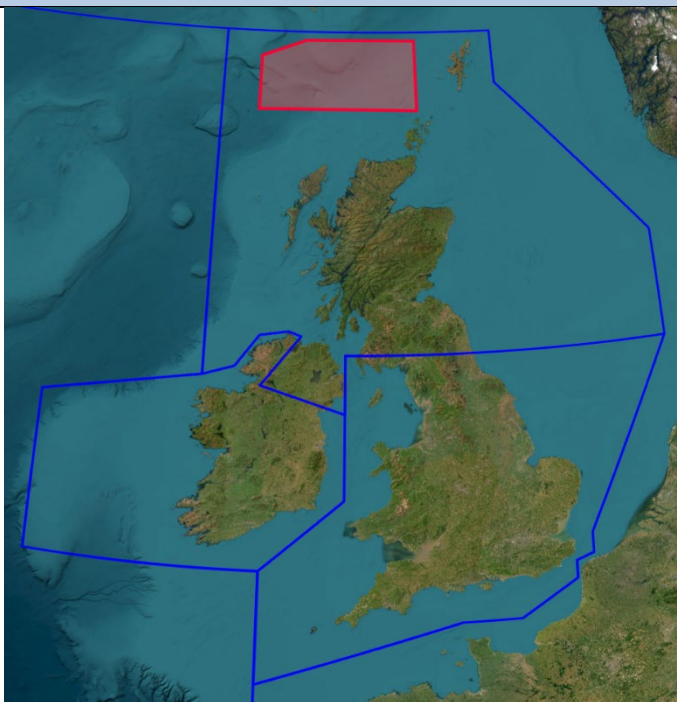
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ATS Units/**Controlling Agencies:**

CRC Boulmer (19 Sqn) – FA	01665 608011
Prestwick ACC	01294 655300
Swanwick Mil (78 Sqn) – North	01489 612943

Geographical Limits:**Airspace Reservations:**

EGD901 Fast Jet Area North 01489 612495

Departure/Destination Aerodrome(s)

EGQS

ACN Issued by:

AU3

¹ [AIS Temporal Reference System](#): Daylight saving time is UTC plus 1 hour. The expression "summer period" indicates that part of the year in which "daylight saving time" is in force. The other part of the year is named the "winter period". Times applicable during the "summer period" are given in brackets.

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.

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SECTION 2: CO-ORDINATION ARRANGEMENTS (SPECIFIC)

1. This ACN details the requirements for initial and follow-on radar testing for the Wedgetail AEW MK 1 aircraft. A box is required, which will encompass flight profiles of long straight legs and persistent duration fixed angle of bank turns. This activity is not compatible with the established E-7 operating areas due to the requirement to clear the radar frequencies with the CAA in a specific geographic location. The dimensions of the box are as follows:

- a. 605000N 0070000W
- b. 605000N 0025600W
- c. 593000N 0025600W
- d. 593000N 0083900W
- e. 603100N 0083900W

2. The operator will require to operate in the box at one fixed level between FL280 and FL330. The level required will be determined by the operator the day prior to testing, with the preferred level between FL290 and FL310.

3. **Notification.** Notwithstanding the OOH requirements listed in below, the sponsor is to notify the agencies listed on page one of this ACN at least five working days prior to the planned trial taking place. In addition, the pilot is to contact the appropriate agencies at least 4 hours prior to departure to confirm final details and availability of an ATS.

4. The dates requested represent the earliest and latest dates these tests could take place, but flights requiring this airspace are more likely to occur towards the beginning of the period. Testing would predominantly (but not exclusively) occur on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

5. For flights 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.

6. **Priority.** This flight has been afforded Non-Deviating Status (NDS) whilst established on task within the notified operating area (*UK AIP ENR 1.1 (4.2) & CAP 493 – Section 1, Ch4, Para 17 refers.*). In order to reduce the impact to other airspace users, the controlling authority may request that the pilot hold or accept radar vectors in order to make best use of the airspace, or to reduce overall delays.

7. **Operating Hours.** This trial is planned to take place between the hours specified on page one of this ACN.

8. **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.

9. **Danger Areas (DAs).** The sponsor is responsible for contacting the appropriate range authority to arrange booking of the required DAs. The aircraft is able to operate non-segregated.

SECTION 3

Area of Operation

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

Chart 1 – Overview



Chart 2 - Overview

