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**LETTER OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN AVON HANG GLIDING & PARAGLIDING CLUB AND DEFENCE TRAINING ESTATES HQ SALISBURY PLAIN**

**PURPOSE**

1. This Letter of Agreement is between Defence Training Estates HQ Salisbury Plain hereinafter referred to as DTE SP, and Avon Hang Gliding and Paragliding Club referred hereafter as the 'Avon Club', and is established to permit Avon Club members occasional access to a defined area on the Salisbury Plain Training Area (SPTA). Its aim is to ensure the integrity of military and associated training, and the safety of members of the Avon Club when flying over SPTA.

**LEGISLATION**

2. All flying operations covered by this agreement shall be conducted in accordance with regulations and instructions issued Civil Aviation Authority and British Hang Gliding & Paragliding Association.

**THE AREAS**

3. The area in question lies in the western extremity of UK Danger Area EG D123, and for the purposes of this agreement, is considered in two parts. The first part, to be known as the 'Upton Triangle', is defined by straight lines joining the following Grid References ST870481 - 870469 - 864474; and a second part, to be known as 'Cow Down', extending within D123 1km eastwards from the Upton Triangle to the 88 easting. The areas extend vertically from the surface of the earth to the notified upper level of the danger area.

**CLEARANCE TO FLY**

4. Cow Down is partly covered by a bylaw issued under the Military Lands Act 1892, as such unauthorised access to this airspace is prohibited and pilots entering the area are to adhere to the following conditions and procedures to obtain clearance to enter SPTA.

5. An authorised member of the Avon Club is to seek pre-flight clearance whenever entry into the Upton Triangle and Cow Down areas is likely. Such clearance can only be given by DTE SP Air Operations (Tel: 01980 674710 or 674730) as follows:

- a. During Working Hours: Mon-Fri 0800-1700 Local
- b. Weekends and Public Holidays: Before 1200hrs on the last working day prior to the weekend, or holiday period.

6. Clearance to enter either Cow Down or the Upton Triangle will not be given when there is planned air activity. Clearance to enter Cow Down will also be refused when there is military or associated training in progress in that area, or when there is firing on Warminster Ranges.

7. The agreement is intended to ease transit over SPTA; pilots are not to linger within the danger

areas and clear the airspace as soon as possible. Any clearance given does not imply that other aircraft will avoid the area or that separation will be applied. Avon Club members must also consider that pilots of military aircraft operating over SPTA may not be able to comply with Rules of the Air for Converging Aircraft (jaw ANO Part 22 Sect.1 Para 160.4).

## RESTRICTIONS OR REFUSAL OF PERMISSION

8. The authority to grant permission to enter SPTA rests solely with Duty Air Operations Officer, and their decision is final. They may refuse a request to enter the areas for various reasons, which may include:

- a. Aircraft activity within EG D123.
- b. Operation of Unmanned Air Vehicles or Systems within SPTA airspace.
- c. Major training exercises on SPTA.
- d. An emergency or flight safety situation.
- e. Any other situation where access would be inadvisable.

## EMERGENCIES

10. In the event of any unpremeditated landings, for whatever reason, on the MOD estate DTE SP is to be notified immediately (When DTE SP Air Operations is closed contact the Range Ops Room 01980 674951 /674877)

## BRIEFINGS & ORDERS

11. All supervisory personnel are to receive a briefing by DTE SP Air Operations staff before taking charge of flying operations. Such briefings may be organised on request at any time during normal working hours. The Avon Club is to ensure that club members are briefed and understand the contents of this agreement.

## COMMUNICATIONS

12. When approval to enter SPTA is given the authorised person is to leave a telephone number where they may be contacted should the need arise. Verbal communication between DTE SP and Avon Club is normally to be by telephone. (A list of contact numbers is included at Annex A).

## VALIDITY

13. The above procedures have been agreed by the undersigned. Nothing in this agreement shall prevent a person from using his or her discretion in the event of an aircraft emergency or life-threatening situation, but the signatories are to be notified as soon as possible of any departure and the conditions pertaining to the departure. This agreement is effective 01 Mar 2011 and valid for a period of no more than five years after which time it is to be reviewed and renewed as appropriate.

14. No changes shall be made to this agreement without the written consent of all signatories. DTE SP reserves the right to suspend temporarily, or withdraw permanently, this agreement and in such circumstances will normally endeavour to provide the Avon Club with at least one month's notice of intention unless safety is being compromised when the suspension will be effective immediately.

Signed:   
Mr RICHARD DANBURY, Chairman  
for Avon HGPG Club

Signed:   
Lt Col M Hiskett  
Commander DTE HQ SP  
Westdown Camp  
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Date: 19 March 2011

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Avon HGPG Club

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Range Operations  
Float

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**LIST OF CONTACTS**

DTE SP Westdown Camp

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| 1. | DTE SP Air Operations ('Salisbury Ops') | 01980 674710 /674730 |
| 2. | DTE SP Range Operations (24hr Ops Room) | 01980 654951 /674877 |

Avon HGPG Club

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| 1. | Point of Contact | <i>NICK SOMERVILLE</i> | to be notified on commencement |
|    |                  | <i>SITES OFFICER</i>   |                                |

Other Units:

N/A

