

LMFC LETTER OF AGREEMENT SAFETY CASE



Agreement

Between the East Midlands Airport Air Traffic Control Unit and the Loughborough Model Flying Club for the flying of radio controlled model aircraft with an all up weight in excess of seven kilograms at the Derby Road Playing Fields, Loughborough, Leicestershire and the LMFC Wymeswold site as detailed in the LOA.

LMFC

The Loughborough Model Flying Club is affiliated to the British Model Flying Association, the national body for model flying in the United Kingdom. The Association is recognised by both the Civil Aviation Authority and the Royal Aero Club. LMFC, through its affiliation, agrees to conduct its model flying activities in accordance with the guidelines issued by the BMFA in their Members Handbook. In addition, all flying undertaken by the Club conforms to the general guidance contained in CAP 658 Small (Model) Aircraft: A guide to Safe Flying.

Sites

At the Derby Road Playing Fields site, the flying of models weighing over seven kilograms takes place in a minute portion of airspace measuring up to 300 metres in a quarter-sphere in front of the model operator and to a height of 400 ft. In respect of this section of controlled airspace it reflects a request for a very small allocation for use within the overall boundary of East Midland regulated airspace. At the Wymeswold site the flying of model aircraft takes place outside the controlled airspace, but LMFC have agreed to abide by the *Controls in Place for the Safe Conduct of Flying* as detailed at the end of this document.

Frequency of Operations

Unlike most other air users the frequency of operation of model aircraft weighing over 7 Kg from this site will be very weather dependent. Operation of such models will be on an occasional basis and restricted to nominated operators, who will be notified to the ATC Manager under this agreement.

Control of Flights

The operators listed to fly models weighing over 7 Kg are either holders of the BMFA 'B' Certificate of Competence or the Large Model Flying Association Proficiency Certificate. Both certificates are recognised by the Civil Aviation Authority as qualifications required by model aircraft operators for undertaking public displays. These operators, in attaining their

qualification, have demonstrated a high degree of proficiency and sound judgment in operating their models within the parameters prescribed by the Civil Aviation Authority in ANO 2000 Article 83 and previously covered by the issue of CAA Exemptions.

Controls in Place for the Safe Conduct of Flying

On the initiation of this LOA the following controls will be in place to ensure safe operations:

Only model aircraft operators approved by the Club will be permitted to fly under this LOA.

The authorised operators will be notified to the ATC Managers by the Club.

When a model above 7kg is being flown at a site, no other models will be flown at the same time at that site.

The operator of the model will have a spotter with them to assist in the safe operation of the aircraft.

EMA air traffic control will be notified in advance, by an authorised operator, using the telephone number specified in the agreement.

The Club will manage the operation of the agreement.

A positive route of communication and control has been established through the issue of the LOA.

Dated

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