**LETTER OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN MOD BOSCOMBE DOWN AND SHALBOURNE SOARING SOCIETY (RIVAR HILL)**

Effective Date: 1 Feb 15

Reference:

A. UK Military Aeronautical Planning Document, Volume 3, Part 1, Pg 1-2-1-3.

**INTRODUCTION**

1. Commander Flying MOD Boscombe Down and Chief Flying Instructor (CFI) Shalbourne Soaring Society, Rivar Hill, agree that, in recognition of the need to ensure the safe co-ordination of flying activity in the vicinity of Rivar Hill Glider Site which, iaw Reference A, is permanently active to 3000 ft AGL (774 ft) to a radius of 1.5nm, Boscombe Down Air Traffic Control (ATC) will conduct operations within the terms and conditions set out below. MOD Boscombe Down ATC Order Book will be amended to reflect these conditions.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

2. **General.** The Terms and Conditions are as follows:

a. Boscombe Down ATC will assume Rivar Hill Glider Site to be active all day Wednesday, evenings from 1800 (L) to dusk and all day at weekends and public holidays, unless the Boscombe Down ATC Supervisor has received positive information to the contrary.

b. When Rivar Hill is active as outlined at 2a, Aircraft receiving vectors from Boscombe Down ATC will either maintain horizontal separation from the site or be instructed to fly not below 3500 ft Boscombe QFE (elevation 407 ft) and advised to maintain a good lookout for gliders. Aircraft under a service from Boscombe Down ATC but not receiving vectors are to be advised that Rivar Hill is active and asked to maintain 1.5 nm horizontal or 4000 ft RPS vertical separation, with horizontal separation being the preferred option.

3. **Notification of Additional Activity.**

a. The Duty Instructor Shalbourne Soaring Society will notify the Boscombe Down ATC Supervisor of any additional activity at Rivar Hill. During periods of additional activity the above separation is to be applied.

b. The Boscombe Down Supervisor is to notify additional activity to:

(1) All Boscombe Down controllers as appropriate.

(2) Boscombe Down Operations.

(3) Middle Wallop ATC.

4. **Radar Displays.** When Rivar Hill is active the dynamic maps on the Radar consoles at MOD Boscombe Down will be annotated with a "G" at the site location.

**APPLICATION OF THE LOA**

5. Nothing in this LOA prevents a pilot or controller from using their discretion in case of emergency but both parties are to be notified of any departure from procedures as soon as possible. Temporary departures from the agreement within the authority of the signatories will be the subject of prior consultation and agreement. Permanent amendment to the LOA may be made only with the written consent of the signatories.

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