

4th January 2021

Snowdonia Aerospace Airspace Change Proposal, ACP-2019-58, Llanbedr Danger Area (DA) – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Is Snowdonia Aerospace seeking to establish a Marine Traffic Exclusion Zone in the area in association with activation of the Airspace Danger Area?

We can confirm that there is no plan and no current requirement for an associated marine traffic exclusion zone in this area and that all marine activities will be able to continue safely when the Danger Area is active, as has been the case with the Temporary Danger Area over the past five years. The flying operations that will be conducted from Llanbedr aren't in themselves inherently dangerous, but because some of the experimental aircraft are unable to comply fully with the requirements of the Air Navigation Order (ANO), the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) requires these activities to be contained within segregated airspace – *i.e.* a Danger Area in CAA nomenclature. All of the aircraft that will fly within the Danger Area will also require separate CAA approval of their Operating Safety Case (OSC). If the review of an OSC were to identify a need to temporarily exclude marine traffic then we would seek to provide as much notice as possible and to negotiate with stakeholders to minimise the impact on other maritime activities, both in terms of minimising the geographic area and the duration of operation. However, we anticipate that any such requirement will only be in very rare and exceptional circumstances.

Is Snowdonia Aerospace seeking to restrict public access in the vicinity of the airfield in association with activation of the Airspace Danger Area?

In a similar manner to maritime operations, there will also be no constraints on land access around the airfield when the Danger Area is activated – *e.g.* public footpaths *etc.* – apart from in the same rare and exceptional circumstances. We will also continue to work closely with Gwynedd Council and local Community Councils on matters relating to the airfield.

Will the Air Ambulance, or Search and Rescue Helicopter still be able to access the Danger Area, even when operational?

Yes. Even when the Danger Area is operational emergency services will take priority.

How can I make a response to the public consultation?

You can respond online via the CAA online consultation portal:

<https://airspacechange.caa.co.uk/PublicProposalArea?pID=193>

Postal responses can also be submitted to:

Airspace Change
Snowdonia Aerospace Centre
Llanbedr, LA45 2PX

How long is the public consultation?

The consultation begins on Monday 7th December 2020 and runs for 7 weeks. All comments must be received by 12 noon on Friday 22nd January 2021.