

## **All Times UTC**

# **LETTER OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL RAF BRIZE NORTON AND THE COTSWOLD GLIDING CLUB, ASTON DOWN**

Reference:

A: Briefing Sheet M 112/2025

## **Introduction**

1. The purpose of this Letter of Agreement (LoA) is to detail ATC coordination procedures to be applied between ATC RAF Brize Norton (ATC BZN) and the Cotswold Gliding Club, Aston Down for the period 16 – 21 Jul 25. During this period a Restricted Area (Temporary), (RA(T)), will be established for the Royal International Air Tattoo 2025 (RIAT 2025) at RAF Fairford. Aston Down airfield is located within the RA(T). The RA(T) and its hours of operation referred to within this LoA are defined at Reference A. This LoA is to ensure the safety of all aircraft operating from Aston Down and RAF Fairford.

2. No aircraft are permitted to enter or fly within the RA(T) without prior permission of ATC BZN. ATC BZN may, after informing the Cotswold Gliding Club, suspend flying activities at Aston Down airfield in order to satisfy all flight safety requirements however this will only be done in extremis.

## **Notification**

3. The Duty Instructor, Cotswold Gliding Club is to contact the Fairford Coordinator, ATC BZN prior to the commencement and on completion of daily gliding activities.

4. The RIAT RA(T) is active during the following times:

- a. 16 – 18 Jul 25: 0715 - 1900. Arrivals and display days.
- b. 19 – 20 Jul 25: 0800 – 1800. Display days.
- c. 21 Jul 25: 0645 - 1745. Departure day. Reduced RA(T).

## **Use of the RA(T)**

5. The Cotswold Gliding Club are permitted to operate up to 3600ft AMSL within the NW quadrant of the RA(T). The NW Quadrant is highlighted on Chart 3 within Reference A.

## **Procedures**

6. On receiving notification of gliding activities, the Fairford Coordinator will highlight any pertinent information regarding use of the RA(T). The Fairford Coordinator will advise the Cotswold Gliding Club of any restrictions or curtailments required on their operations due to flying display activity. The Cotswold Gliding Club will cease operations within the RA(T) if directed to do so by the Fairford Coordinator.

## **Communications**

7. The Cotswold Gliding Club are to be immediately available on at least one of the following telephone numbers:

- a. 01285 702100 – Office
- b. 01285 702101 – Club House
- c. 01285 702103 – Operations

8. The Fairford Coordinator can be contacted, via ATC switchboard, on the following telephone number:

- a. 01993 897526 (H24)

9. Aircraft inbound to Aston Down airfield requiring RA(T) transit are to contact BRIZE ZONE on 119.005MHz.

### **Application of this Letter of Agreement**

10. In an emergency all parties will exercise discretion in their compliance with this agreement. Temporary departures from this agreement may be verbally agreed between the Fairford Coordinator (or ATC BZN Supervisor) and the CFI (or Duty Pilot), Cotswold Gliding Club.

### **Points of Contact (POC) for RIAT 2025**

11. The following personnel are nominated as POC's for the event:

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|------|-----------------------|----------------------|--|
| a.   | RAF Brize Norton      | Fairford Coordinator | Flt Lt David Voller  |
| Tel: | 01993 897526          | email:               | <a href="mailto:bzn-tatccs-riat@mod.gov.uk">bzn-tatccs-riat@mod.gov.uk</a> |
| b.   | Cotswold Gliding Club | CFI                  | Mike Weston  |
| Tel: | 01285 702100          | email:               | <a href="mailto:cfi@cotswoldgliding.co.uk">cfi@cotswoldgliding.co.uk</a>   |

*Signed electronically.*

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Dated: 12 Jun 25

Mike Weston  
CFI  
Cotswold Gliding Club

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