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Not sure if this guy forwarded on his e-mail after he got my out of office but would you be able to deal with this? The attached is relevant.

Thanks

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From: [\[redacted\]](#)@outlook.com>
Sent: 08 January 2021 17:42
To: [\[redacted\]](#)@transport.gov.scot>
Subject: General Aviation during Protection Level 4

Dear Sir,

I am writing to ask if you could clarify the position on recreational GA flying within Scotland. Our community is debating this, and many are interpreting the rules incorrectly.

The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 10) Regulations 2021. S18 defines examples of a reasonable Excuse (to leave the place where the person is living).

S18 (t) states

(to) undertake exercise or recreation—

- (i) outdoors,
- (ii) that starts and ends at the same place, which place must be—
 - (aa) in the local government area in which that person lives, or
 - (bb) within 5 miles of such local government area, and (iii) is either undertaken—
 - (aa) alone, (bb) with members of that person's household

I trust you would agree that General Aviation is an outdoor recreational activity if not being undertaken for training or transportation. Therefore, on that basis, would you agree that GA recreational flying would be acceptable to the legislation and morality of the COVID regulations if.

- a) If we take off and land back at the same airport/airfield without landing away
- b) If we live in the same local government area as the airport/airfield (or within 5 miles of it)
- c) We fly solo or with a member of our household.

The potential impact on emergency services is in a multitude lower than other activities such as for example cycling where in 2019 over 3,400 people were either killed or seriously injured. In GA according to the AVI0401 published on the gov.uk website <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/aviation-statistics-data-tables-avi> there were 4 deaths, 3 serious and 7 minor injuries.

General Aviation is inherently safer than many other sports, exercise, or recreational activities. It is however a recreation that needs a high level of currency to avoid skills erosion and a potential increase in accidents.

Our community may be small, but it is a recreational activity that we enjoy and that deprived of can have a negative effect on mental health. It is also one of the easiest to ensure compliance with COVID transmission limiting measures. You can't catch COVID very easily at altitude enclosed in a cockpit alone or with one other from your household.

I await your response eagerly,

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