

[REDACTED]

2FTS is close to finalising the revised policy on Cadet flights in non-service aircraft and I can confirm that this activity will not be supported within the revised document. The MoD has a remit to assure all flights in which Cadets participate due to their association with RAFAC, be that Service or Non-Service. Without making any judgement on this company, 2FTS/MoD do not have the resource to physically assure this activity and 2FTS/RAFAC would therefore not approve it.

There has been substantial work undertaken with regards to Non-Service flying. I'm therefore content that the revised policy, when promulgated, will represent an assured, quality flying opportunity for Cadets.

Kind regards,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 January 2018 14:15
To: ACO-2FTS-HQ-CAPE SO2 ([REDACTED]) (MSF))
Subject: Flights in non-service aircraft

Regarding our telephone conversation.

I would like to find out if it ok for cadets to go on a sight seeing tour on the North East England in a non-service aircraft which will be hosted by a fully insured company.

See attached leaflets for Blue Yonder air tours.

We are planning to go [REDACTED]
Regards

[REDACTED]
SGT
OC 52 Squadron
Aviemore
[REDACTED]

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All,

ACTO35 has now been removed from the BADER Key Documents library as requested by RAvnOs. As discussed we are no longer accepting new applications for flights in non-service aircraft whilst the discussions with the various non-service organisations continue. I'm hopeful that a workable non-service framework should be in place early 2018.

Kind regards,

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[REDACTED]

PSA as requested. For clarity, we are currently only allowing flights in non-service aircraft from providers that have already received approval through the existing regime. We are not accepting new applications pending the agreements from BGA, RAFGSA and RAFFCA.

I was encouraged at the meeting yesterday as well. I genuinely hope that this gains some traction...I'm keen that we retain some of the military ethos the cadet organisation should be promoting and the RAFFCA provides that military linkage.

Kind regards,

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From: [REDACTED] (Air-2Gp AM A1 SO2)
Sent: 31 October 2017 16:14
To: ACO-2FTS-HQ-CAPE SO2 ([REDACTED]) (MSF))
Subject: ACTO 35

Hi [REDACTED]

Good to meet today – a productive meeting I think. Can I ask for a latest soft copy of ACTO35 please?

All the best

[REDACTED]

Squadron Leader [REDACTED] | A/SO1 Business Support | Air Mobility Force
Headquarters | RAF Brize Norton | Carterton | Oxfordshire | OX18 3LX | [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Ma'am, Sirs,

As you are aware 2FTS recently held SQEP panel reviews relating to cadet flights in Non-Service Aircraft (both powered and non-powered). The recommendations of which highlighted to Comdt 2FTS that current policy blurred the boundaries between assurance and delivery. In an attempt to mitigate the numerous issues highlighted by the SQEP panel on gliding assurance, 2FTS have recently met with the Chief Executive and Head Instructor of the British Gliding Association (BGA) at their HQ in Leicester. The initial meeting has proved a positive one, with the BGA now fully aware and supportive of the requirements for limited Cadet participation in BGA operations. Further, a draft MoU has been submitted for BGA consideration. The BGA Chf Exec and Head Instructor will now discuss this MoU and on-going assurance requirements with their members at a number of BGA sites and report back to HQ 2FTS in due course. Given the assurance burden to both the BGA and HQ 2FTS it has been agreed that a limited number of sites will be in scope for this proposal. Although we are awaiting final confirmation, the breakdown is likely to comprise of 7 BGA and 7 RAF Gliding and Soaring Association (RAFGSA) locations nationally.

Powered flying proves to be a more complicated inherited 2FTS issue. However, top level discussion is now on-going with the RAF Flying Club Association (RAFFCA) to scope the use of RAFFCA clubs to support cadet experience flights.

Although the details have yet to be finalised, it is expected that the application process will be substantially streamlined, reducing the administrative burden on the CFAV. We anticipate 22 (Trg) Gp endorsement as these proposals reflect AOC's direction with regard to the future cadet aviation offer.

I will of course furnish you with further information as and when appropriate.

Kind regards,

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[REDACTED]

I will be in a better position to advise after the meeting with the Chief Exec of the BGA. We are discussing on Monday 9th Oct 17. Once their advice has been received and an MoU accepted I will be able to promulgate revised policy in due course. I expect that all RAFGSA sites as well as a limited number of BGA sites will be in scope. However there remains an assurance piece which will need to be completed first by CGS/2FTS. However when this is done the process should prove to be much more simplistic and the administration burden on both 2FTS and CFAV should reduce dramatically.

I support a RAvnO meeting, particularly given latest AOCs direction to senior management, although OCT/NOV might be too early for me to offer any meaningful input. I expect that AOCs intent will be publicised to the wider RAFAC when a decision has been finalised. I'm apologise that I can't elaborate any further at this point on this on-going work strand.

Kind regards,

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From: Gliding Officer Wales and West Region ATC1 ([REDACTED])
Sent: 04 October 2017 08:34
To: ACO-2FTS-HQ-CAPE SO2 ([REDACTED] (MSF))
Cc: ACO-2FTS-HQ-CAPE Admin [REDACTED] E1)
Subject: Flights in powered non-service aircraft

Good morning [REDACTED],

Receiving requests for flights outlined at heading.
We appreciate issues and the complexity of the matters pertaining at the discussion point..
However is there any projections/progress on when the D and G is likely for the restart (if any) of the ACTO 35 process?

FYI

There is full support from RAvnO's for a proposed meeting, possible at RAF Northholt, end Oct to early/mid Nov..depending on RAvnO's availabilities..
I will be advising RC WW, should he wish input to the agenda or prior discussion with myself..

Best regards

[REDACTED] IEng MIET
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[REDACTED]

PSB. I've just received a couple of consent forms relating to the use of Midland GC. Unfortunately as Midland GC have not received CGS assurance visit this proposal will not be authorised by DDH.

As you may be aware Comdt RAFAC, Comdt 2FTS and all Regional Comdts were briefed by AOC 22 (Trg) Gp on the 30th September 17. The meeting resulted in a number of staffing actions which are to be completed in a relatively short timescale which relate to the direction of Cadet Aviation in its totality; not just flights in non-service platforms. Until these staffing actions have been completed there must remain a temporary hold on non CGS assured flights in non-service aircraft. Due to the sensitivities of the staffing actions I would ask that you discuss this with your Regional Comdt who is aware of the situation and issues.

Once again Comdt 2FTS wishes to reiterate that the current direction is not a reflection on any pilots or organisations effected. The temporary pause is necessary so that direction and level of assurance required by MoD for non-service flying/gliding is finalised and promulgated.

Kind regards,

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From: ACO-2FTS-HQ-CAPE SO2 [REDACTED] C2 (MSF))

Sent: 18 August 2017 14:36

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: 20170818-Flights in non-service aircraft-O S

Sir,

I have just discussed at length the cadets flights in non-service aircraft issue and I would like to opportunity to provide some further clarity of the current situation.

As you are aware the DDH solely holds the risk for all cadet flights in non-service aircraft. In our (2FTS) attempt to facilitate some proposals, boundaries between delivery and assurance may have been blurred for some sites in the past. 2FTS trying to help!! This was exposed at a recent SQEP panel review to the ADDH, and as safety is absolutely paramount, the ADDH is correctly taking action to address the issues. 2FTS have submitted recommendations that Central Gliding School (CGS) conduct assurance visits to selected British Gliding Association (BGA) sites with a robust MoU between the MoD and the BGA. However, this will be reliant on the BGA accepting the MoU and assurance visits. Also we await further guidance from AOC 22 (Trg) Gp as to the level of risk he wishes to be exposed to.

I can confirm that currently the DDH is content for sites that have received a CGS assurance visit and all RAF GSA sites can continue to be utilised for flights in non-service aircraft (if meeting ACTO 35 regulations).

Therefore until we have clarification from both AOC and the BGA only the following BGA can be used:

1. Cotswolds Gliding Club
2. Wolds Gliding Club
3. Bicester Gliding Club
4. Portsmouth Naval Gliding Centre
5. Devon & Somerset Gliding Club
6. All RAFGSA sites.

All applications from the following sites are currently on hold until further D & G from AOC 22 (Trg) Gp.

1. Mendip Gliding Club
2. BGA Shalbourne

Further, I can confirm that DDH is content for the Cotswold Gliding Club proposal DATED 240817 to proceed as planned. This was an administrative oversight on the part of the DDH, and I would take this opportunity to apologise for any concern raised.

A definitive list will be promulgated late September under a new cadet aviation offer.

Regards,

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[REDACTED]

All,

I have spoken to [REDACTED] (Cc'd). He as ADDH solely holds the risk for all cadet flights in non-service aircraft and unfortunately in his attempt to facilitate these proposals, boundaries between delivery and assurance may have been blurred for some sites. This was exposed at a recent SQEP panel review, and as safety is absolutely paramount he is taking action to address the issue. As indicated below we await further guidance from AOC 22 (Trg) Gp as to the level of risk he wishes to be exposed to.

2FTS have submitted recommendations that Central Gliding School (CGS) conduct assurance visits to selected British Gliding Association (BGA) sites with a robust MoU between the MoD and the BGA. Until any recommendations are approved (or otherwise), ADDH cannot and will not approve this proposal.

I can confirm that I did receive an email with a list of provisional dates on the 26th July. However none of these were confirmed and no list of names has been received as indicated in your email. The consent form for [REDACTED] was received on Wednesday evening which prompted me to seek authorisation from ADDH.

I genuinely appreciate the amount of staff work involved, and I can only assure you that as soon as direction is given we revisit as a matter of urgency.

Regards,

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent: 18 August 2017 12:22

To: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: 20170818-Shalbourne-O S

[REDACTED] sirs,

We already have authorisation, we've used them before with no problems. All I'm doing is letting you know the next date we're going, as requested in the initial set up of this scheme, not applying for the initial acceptance.

Can you confirm if you're telling me that despite it being fine in June, 2FTS is now telling me that we aren't allowed to get any cadets airborne once again, or if there's been a mistake and you think that we're applying for initial authorisation. Given that we're due to go tomorrow and I initially emailed you with the date we were going on the 26th July, I'd appreciate knowing a) the result of my questions above ASAP and b) if you are now telling me we can no longer use our provider, why it's taken over 3 weeks for this to come back to me.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Sent: 18 August 2017 10:16
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: 20170818-Shalbourne-O S

Sirs,

I have discussed this proposal with 2FTS ADDH. As you may be aware we are awaiting direction and guidance on powered flying and gliding in non-service aircraft from AOC 22 (Trg) Gp. Unfortunately until that time ADDH cannot authorise this request to use BGA Shalbourne at this time. I shall keep a record of your application and should direction allow, I will re-submit for authorisation.

I appreciate that this will prove disappointing to you and your cadets.

Regards,

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From: 211 (Newbury) Sqn ATC Officer Commanding ([REDACTED] Flt Lt)

Sent: 16 August 2017 18:58

To: ACO-2FTS-HQ-CAPE SO2 ([REDACTED] C2 (MSF))

Cc: Gliding Officer South West Region ATC1 ([REDACTED] Wg Cdr)

Subject: Extra Consent for Private Gliding

Sir,

Please find attached another consent form for a new cadet to participate in our gliding scheme this weekend. I'll send you a nominal roll once it's available.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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