

Danger Areas for UAS Operations From Predannack Airfield

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Chapter 1

Executive summary

Objective of the Proposal

1. Royal Naval Air Station (RNAS) Culdrose identified a requirement to operate Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) at their satellite airfield, Predannack. The objective is to create 2 new Danger Areas (DA) and modify the existing DA EG D006 to facilitate larger UAS operating from Predannack, and provide access to the maritime training environment in the South Coast Exercise Areas (SCXA) complex. The SCXAs are already approved for Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) UAS activity operating from RN ships, and this application looks to link this with a land element to enhance wider training opportunities to ships which do not have their own UAS, and provide a facility to train UAS operators. The application replicates the airspace established via Temporary Danger Area in late 2016 for this activity, with minor adjustments accounting for lessons identified during the activation. The Airspace Change Proposal (ACP) was submitted on 16 August 2018.

Summary of the decision made

2. The CAA has decided to approve the proposed change to facilitate UAS operations at Predannack Airfield and link these to the SCXAs, subject to the conditions detailed in Chapter 3.
3. The change will modify EG D006 creating EG D006B and EG D006C, and introduce new DAs at Predannack Airfield (EG D005A) and one linking this with the SCXAs (EG D005B).

Next steps

4. Implementation of the revised airspace will be notified through a single AIRAC cycle (AIRAC 08/2019) and will become effective on 18 July 2019.