



Agreed Method of Notification to the Irish Air Corps of Gliding Activity at Gowran Grange by the Dublin Gliding Club

Reference: AT36b

Date: February 14 2001

- 1 Gliding takes place at Gowran Grange as follows during daylight hours:
 - a. October to April – Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays
 - b. May to September – Daily
- 2 The gliding takes place in the following areas:
 - a. Local area activity in the area EAST of a line from NAAS along the motorway to KILDARE and SOUTH of a line from NAAS to KIPPURE mountain to a maximum altitude of 4,500' amsl.
 - b. Cross-country navigation exercises to the WEST and SOUTHWEST of Gowran Grange to a maximum altitude of 4,500' amsl or FL75 as the controlled airspace boundaries permit..
 - c. In a Lee-Wave Soaring Box enclosed within the following co-ordinates:

530947.60N 0062154.58W 530255.00N 0062405.00W
525755.30N 0063347.93W 525749.30N 0064139.78W
530749.95N 0063849.34W 531101.61N 0063240.93W
- 3 The Gliding Club shall notify Air Traffic Control at Casement Aerodrome of periods of activity on a **daily** basis.
The notification shall indicate the following:
 - a. The type of activity
 - b. The time the activity will commence
 - c. An approximate time of when the activity will end.
- 4 Military Air Traffic Control reserve the right to restrict gliding activity to 2,500' in the area of the Restricted Area R16 to facilitate military IFR operations in that area.
However, Military ATC are conscious of the Gliding Club requirement to operate up to 4,500' amsl and will make every effort to facilitate this requirement.
- 5 Military Controllers are asked to note the following:
 - a. Gliders operate in VFR conditions only
 - b. Gliders shall be treated as non radio aircraft
 - c. Up to eighteen gliders may be airborne at a given time
 - d. Gliders generally operate at speeds of 30 – 70 knots
 - e. All gliding activity takes place outside civil controlled airspace so Dublin ATCC will not be aware of the activity.
 - f. Gliders are difficult to see on radar due to low metal content.
 - g. The call sign of the tow aircraft is EIBIK. It is not intended that this aircraft will communicate with Military ATC.
 - h. There are currently twenty four gliders based at Gowran Grange with up to 10,000 movements per annum.
- 6 Gliders on Navex's transiting the R16 shall maintain VHF communications with Gowran Grange.
- 7 When the Gliding Club telephone (459 24 93), they shall ask for the Watch Supervisor who will make the decision with regard to the maximum operating level for gliding in the R16 taking account of military IFR activity.