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Our ref: SU20.1/HI/FC

Your ref: Model Aircraft



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Dear Marianne,

**THE NEW FOREST SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST, HAMPSHIRE (SSSI),
THE NEW FOREST SPECIAL AREA OF CONSERVATION (SAC)
THE NEW FOREST SPECIAL PROTECTION AREA (SPA)
THE NEW FOREST RAMSAR**

Proposal: The licencing of the flying of model aircraft at Beaulieu Heath World War Two Airfield.

Timing: 26th March 2015 to 31st December 2016

Locations: SU 349013 (see Map 1)

Thank you for the notice submitted on 4th February and 6th and 18th March 2015, by Dr Kathy Stearne, formally requesting our assent for the above works.

ASSENT WITH CONDITIONS UNDER SECTION. 28H OF THE WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 (AS AMENDED)

Natural England assents to the proposals in the notice submitted on 4th February and 6th and 18th March 2015 by Dr Kathy Stearne, but subject to adherence with the following conditions:

- Model aircraft flying will be undertaken as described in the method statement/HRA
- Flying takes place on a daily basis but there will be a maximum of 16 organised events, each with a maximum of 30 participants.
- Flight is restricted to a radius of 1000yds from the take-off point; however the majority of flight will be within a 400m radius of the take-off point..
- Any weeds growing on the concrete airstrip will be removed by hand as necessary. No herbicides or other pesticides will be used.
- All operations should be carried out in such a way as to give rise to as little damage as reasonably practical to the SSSI.
- All those involved with the works should be informed of the status and legal obligations

attached to the designation and where the boundary of the protected area is. All personnel must demonstrate an understanding of bio security risks in general, and of the good practice measures that will minimise risks from any specific threats they are informed of. This information should be covered within the daily toolbox talk.

- Plant and animal diseases, pests and invasive non-native species (INNS) can be spread between and within sites by visitors. Adequate bio security precautions must be taken to ensure that the risk of spreading disease, pests and INNS is minimised i.e. vehicles, equipment and clothes (particularly boots) must be clean before entering a site, and cleaned again before leaving. Vehicles, equipment and clothes must be free of loose mud and plant debris and, as far as possible, free of water (for example, boats should be drained). These basic precautions should be carried out as a matter of routine, but some sites may require additional bio security measures (such as disinfection where there is a danger of transferring ash dieback).
- The site should be restored to its former condition so far as is reasonably practicable, if any damage to the SSSI does occur. Natural England will be informed of any damage. If any materials or machinery are required for restoration then an additional assent will be required.

Natural England advises that provided that the above conditions are met, the operation should not cause significant damage to the special interest of the SSSI.

If you intend to carry out this operation without complying with these conditions you must:

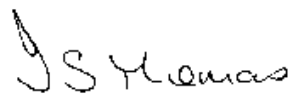
- Give notice to Natural England of when the proposed operation will start. The start date must not be sooner than 28 days from the date of this second notice.
- Give notice to Natural England of how, if at all, you have taken account of the advice of Natural England contained in this letter.
- Carry out the operation in such a way as to give rise to as little damage to the SSSI as is reasonably practicable, taking account in particular of the advice contained in this letter
- Restore the site to its former condition, so far as is reasonably practicable, if any damage does occur.

In addition, you are under a duty under S28G of the 1981 Act to take reasonable steps, consistent with the proper exercise of your functions, to further the conservation and enhancement of the SSSI.

“This letter does not constitute land owner permission nor a wayleave agreement, **we recommend that you contact the landowner and make all provisions necessary before any works commence.**”

If you wish to change the proposed operation, or carry out additional operations for which assent has not yet been given, or if a time period given in your letter of 4th February and 6th and 18th March 2015 has expired, you are required to give further written notice to Natural England.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jenny Thomas". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted to the right.

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Map 1: Location – Beaulieu Airfield

