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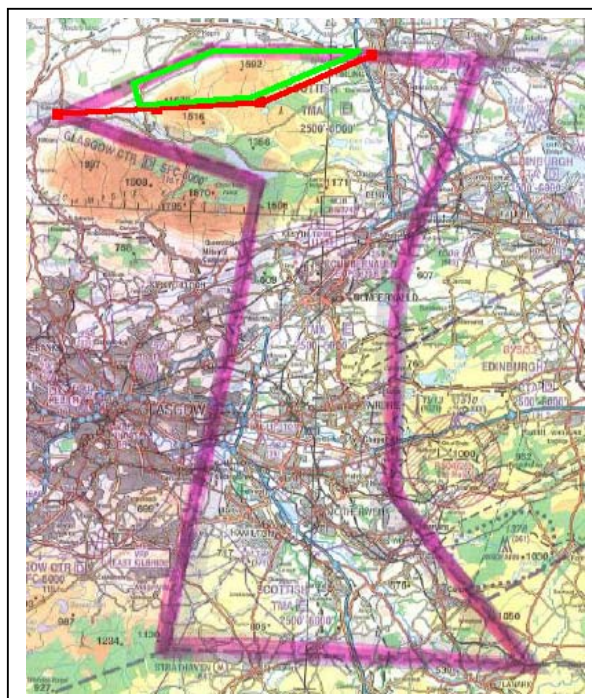
**RE: NATS – Ochils PGC meeting Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2009:**  
**Scottish TMA reclassification from class E to D**

Dear Pauline,

Further to our meeting two weeks ago the Ochils PGC would like to confirm their support for the proposed reclassification of the portion of Scottish TMA outlined in purple below from class E to class D subject to: a) the TMA base in the sector North of Cumbernauld being raised from 2500' to 3000' and b) the introduction of a local agreement between Ochils PGC and GLA ATC in the region delineated in green over the Gargunnoch-Fintry hills. Details of the agreement and region are to be defined jointly at a later date together with protocol to facilitate effective and timely activation or deactivation.

The Ochils PGC have recognised the increased density of air traffic, ground obstructions and population within the Cumbernauld corridor for quite some time now and its members, in the interest of safety, simply do not fly there anymore. Only the area delineated in green is used by the club and paraglider flight is restricted to VFR conditions with either nil or light northerly winds (ie < 20mph NNW to NE). As

discussed, the club recognise that the 3000' base will reduce the risks but will not eliminate them altogether, particularly where visiting pilots are concerned. Redefinition of the Northern boundary of the proposed class D airspace to leave the Gargunnoch ridge below the existing class E airspace would be the Ochils PGC's preferred option. The red line shows one example of how this could be achieved with existing VRPs at Balfron, Stronend, Earlsburn reservoir and Stirling Castle. If you require any further information then please contact either our chair person Jan Crombie at the above website, myself or any member of Ochils PGC and we will attempt to help as best we can. In the meantime we look forward to assisting the consultation process.



Yours sincerely,

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