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Dear Sir or Madam,

On behalf of Group Captain John Middleton, please allow me to introduce myself as the Air Safety Manager for 2 Flying Training School (2 FTS). Group Captain Middleton is Commandant of 2 FTS, based at Royal Air Force (RAF) Syerston, but is also the Head of Establishment¹ for RAF Little Rissington (RAF LR). At 2 FTS we have responsibility and oversight of all activity at RAF LR, both aviation and ground related. As the Parish Councils for both Little and Upper Rissington, I wanted to keep you up to date with weekend flying activity that will be taking place very shortly.

Up until recently, weekend flying activity at RAF LR has been virtually non-existent. The Unit permanently located at RAF LR is known as 637 Volunteer Gliding Squadron (637 VGS). Their flying activity has been paused whilst they converted from the Vigilant T Mk 1 Motor Glider, to the Viking T Mk 1 Conventional Glider; the most significant change is the reduction in noise footprint that you may have been aware of in the past. One of the other changes to their operation is that the Viking T Mk 1 is launched into the air through the use of nylon cable; however, please rest assured that this is kept within the confines of the airfield boundary.

I wanted to make you aware that 637 VGS will recommence flying at RAF LR from Sat 11 Mar; activity is planned to continue every weekend after that. As you are probably aware RAF LR is also used during the week for a variety of helicopter and parachute training. We have encountered instances where members of the public have been accessing RAF LR for running, cycling and dog walking. I would like to re-iterate that RAF LR is Ministry of Defence (MOD) land, with aviation activities taking place. I therefore request, for their own safety, that members of the public remain clear of RAF LR and MOD property at all times.

I would be grateful if this information could be passed to your local parishioners, but please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any further information.

Yours faithfully

Signed by Email

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Squadron Leader
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¹ The most senior Ministry of Defence person identified, by the chain of command, as responsible for the site, establishment, base and buildings.