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THE JOCKEY CLUB

Dorset Coroners Office
Town Hall
Bournemouth
Dorset
BH2 6DY

Date: 23 May 2022

To Whom It May concern,

Re: Regulation 28: Report to prevent future deaths (1)

The Jockey Club does take the safety of our airfields or landing areas and any customers using these airfields very seriously.

All aircraft movements should be booked in advance, with the larger and busier airfields (Cheltenham, Epsom and Newmarket) using Helicopter & Aviation Services Ltd to manage all air traffic, on both racedays and non-racedays and provide advice for the smaller racecourses who occasionally allow an aircraft to land on a raceday if requested. None of our airfields or sites are set up to allow aircraft movements at night.

All aircraft operating at Jockey Club Racecourse airfields are required to obtain prior permission to land and demonstrate that the pilot is suitably licensed, record the aircraft registration number, prove they have insurance on the aircraft and are fully briefed for use of the field. Helicopter & Aviation Services Ltd would not allow any aircraft to land which were unable to demonstrate this.

All aircraft operators are also requested to report whether a flight is private or commercial and if commercial confirm their AOC number. If it is confirmed as a private flight, we are unable to insist on their providing this information, we appreciate the severity of illegal or 'grey' charter in the sporting world and its potential dangers,

Where requested, Helicopter & Aviation Services Ltd and Jockey Club have and continue to provide records of aircraft activities that may be of interest to the investigations division of the Civil Aviation Authority, Borderforce and any other relevant authority as and when requested.

While we cannot take responsibility for the actions of our customers and their choices of flight operator any more than we can police the legality of those driving to and from our racecourses, we do endeavour to keep our customers informed on the risks and ourselves as an airfield operator informed of their operation.

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I hope that this clarifies our intent to support the CAA in its efforts to pursue illegal charter operations within our powers as a private airfield operator.

Yours faithfully,

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