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NOTIFICATION OF FORWARD AIR CONTROL EXERCISES

- 1 The Ministry of Defence carries out Forward Air Control Exercises (known as FACEx) in a number of areas within the United Kingdom. During these exercises, a Forward Air Controller, from a forward position on the ground or in the air, directs the action of combat aircraft engaged in close air support of land forces.
- 2 These training exercises will involve one or more fast-jet aircraft which will conduct simulated attack profiles against ground targets within a 5nm radius of one of the locations in Table 1 and as depicted on the attached Chart. Activity will involve dynamic lateral and vertical manoeuvring of aircraft at speeds of up to 450 knots IAS. Whilst engaged in training the aircraft may operate outside the 5nm radius and aircraft may not be able to comply with Rules of the Air and Air Traffic Services (RAC).

TABLE 1

	LOCATION ¹	POSITION	LEAD USER(S)
1	Penhale	502220N 0050810W	29 Cdo Regt RA, 23 HQ Bty
2	Okehampton	504309N 0040006W	29 Cdo Regt RA, 23 HQ Bty
3	Bulbarrow Hill	505106N 0021939W	JFACTSU/SF-FJ
4	Pulham	505237N 0022458W	255 (FAC) Bty
5	West of Branton Burrows	510534N 0040816W	29 Cdo Regt RA, 23 HQ Bty
6	Eastnor Castle	520147N 0022315W	255 (FAC) Bty
7	West of Lampeter	520618N 0040036W	255 (FAC) Bty
8	Canon Pyon	520829N 0024727W	255 (FAC) Bty
9	RAF Honington	522014N 0004631E	RAF Regt ALI Cell
10	Hinderclay	522130N 0005802E	255 (FAC) Bty RAF Regt ALI Cell
11	West Raynham	524709N 0004427E	RAF Regt ALI Cell
12	Sculthorpe Airfield	525107N 0004530E	255 (FAC) Bty RAF Regt ALI Cell 19 Regt RA
13	Holbeach	525203N 0001016E	JFACTSU
14	Muckleburgh	525705N 0010726E	255 (FAC) Bty RAF Regt ALI Cell
15	York Wolds	540645N 0003220W	JFACTSU
16	North East of Lancaster	541010N 0023500W	JFACTSU
17	Leeming	541734N 0013209W	JFACTSU
18	Hawes Valley	541748N 0020459W	JFACTSU
19	Glaisdale	542559N 0005150W	JFACTSU
20	South East of Appleby	542932N 0021632W	JFACTSU
21	North West of Barnard Castle	543706N 0020422W	JFACTSU
22	Stanhope	544435N 0020214W	JFACTSU
23	Jedburgh	552900N 0023600W	JFACTSU

¹ The locations listed are not exhaustive and in certain circumstances, FACEs may take place elsewhere. These activities will be notified via NOTAM in the normal manner but still make reference to this AIC.

- 3 Each activity will be subject to NOTAM (see template below) to notify of the time and vertical extent of the exercise area. Each NOTAM will also contain a telephone number of the ground operators and a UHF and VHF frequency on which information on the participating aircrafts' positions and/or levels can be tactically obtained. Whilst no Air Traffic or Flight Information Services will be available from the Forward Air Controller, **pilots intending to transit the activity areas are advised to establish**

communications on the published frequency. For activities taking place at Leeming, this will be the published Zone frequencies.

Example NOTAM

A) EGT

B) Start DTG

C) End DTG

E) FORWARD AIR CTL EXER. FAST JET ACFT WILL CONDUCT HIGH ENERGY MANOEUVRES WI 5NM RADIUS lat/long (LOCATION). AIC Y.../.... REFERS. ACFT MAY BE UNABLE TO COMPLY WITH RAC. OPS CTC (NAME) ON UHF frequency MHZ OR 131.175 MHZ AND (mobile telephone) OR (landline telephone). (CAA Activity number)

F) SFC

G) altitude FT AMSL

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Further enquiries of the operations can be made to:

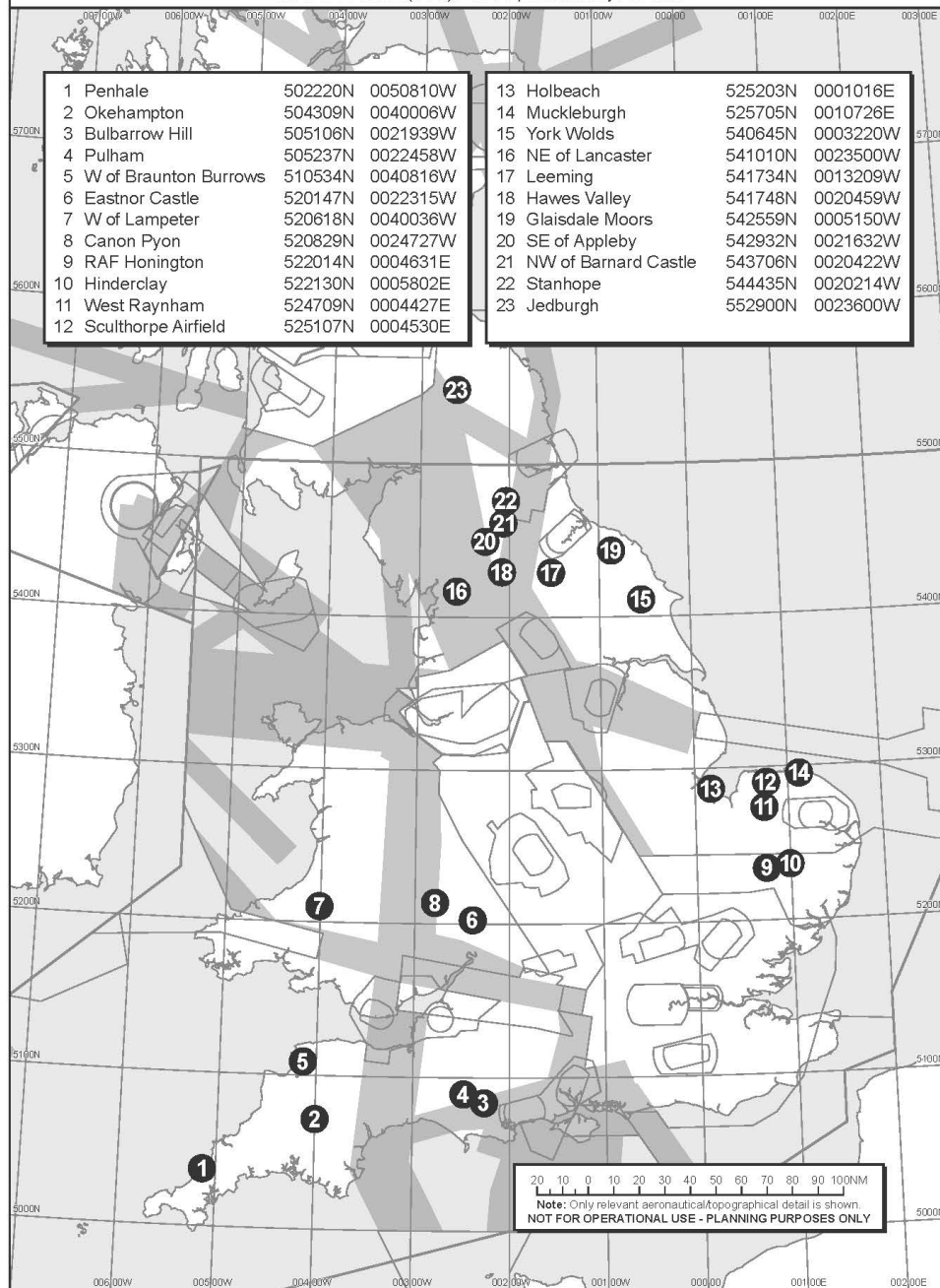
- (a) (Forward Air Control) Battery, Army Reserve Centre, Bath, on 07802-451252.
- (b) 29 Commando Regiment RA, 23 HQ Battery (29 Cdo Regt RA, 23 HQ Bty), The Royal Citadel, Plymouth, on 07980-137467.
- (c) 1 Regt Royal Horse Artillery on 01980-652672.
- (d) 3 Regt Royal Horse Artillery on 00 49 05051-9622817
- (e) 4 Regt Royal Artillery on 01845-595431
- (f) 5 Regt Royal Artillery on 01748-875639
- (g) 7 (Parachute) Regt Royal Artillery on 01206-815572
- (h) 19 Regt Royal Artillery on 01980-656576
- (i) 26 Regt Royal Artillery on 0049 05241-842347
- (j) RAF Regiment Air Land Integration Cell (RAF Regt ALI) , RAF Honington, on 01359-237602
- (k) Joint Forward Air Control Training & Standardisation Unit (JFACTSU), RAF Leeming, on 01677-456161/458320. In the event that no reply is received from JFACTSU, information can be obtained from 100 Sqn Operations, RAF Leeming on 01677-458063
- (l) SF-FJ on 01494-493237

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Further enquiries of Airspace Regulation and Unusual Aerial Activity, Civil Aviation Authority, can be made to Mr R E J Gratton, Principal Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, Telephone 020-7453 6586.

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