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TEMPORARY RESERVED AREA LONDON (TRA 196) APIAN BVLOS UAS DELIVERY OPERATIONS, 05 FEBRUARY 2026 - 04 FEBRUARY 2027

1 Introduction

- 1.1 During the period **from 05 February 2026 to 04 February 2027**, an Uncrewed Aircraft System (UAS) will conduct Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) delivery flights in London. The UAS will be operating between Guy's Hospital and St. Thomas' Hospital not above 450 FT AMSL.
- 1.2 As the UAS will be operating BVLOS and in line with current regulations, a Temporary Reserved Area (TRA) will be established as part of the CAA Regulatory Sandbox Trial, and will be established to facilitate the safe operation of the UAS.
- 1.3 The TRA is sponsored by Apian Ltd in accordance with ACP-2023-061.
- 1.4 In accordance with the ACP, Apian Ltd is required to monitor feedback during the period of operations, which will be forwarded to the CAA. All feedback may be sent to london.airspace@apian.aero.

2 Activations

- 2.1 The TRA consists of an individual structure. The TRA will be activated for the minimum amount of time required (typically activated Mon-Fri 0900-1600 (0800-1500), daylight hours only). A chart showing the area is included within this AIC.
- 2.2 The required TRA will be notified as active by NOTAM no less than 24 hours prior to planned flights. The TRA will be activated for no more than 7 hours within a 24 HR period and will be deactivated as soon as no longer required.
- 2.3 For further information please contact the following email: london.airspace@apian.aero.

3 Conditions of Activation

- 3.1 The TRA will be activated subject to:
 - a) Successful communications checks being conducted.
- 3.2 UAS operations will be activated subject to:
 - a) Daily approval for operating within R157 must be obtained by telephone from the operating authority, as detailed in ENR 1.1 paragraph 4.1 Non-Standard Flights (NSFs) in Controlled Airspace.

4 Access Permissions and Process

- 4.1 All operators, including Visual Line of Sight UAS operators, who require to operate within the TRA 196 must gain permission to access the airspace. Details of how to obtain permission are listed in paragraphs 4.2 to 4.4.
- 4.2 If a crewed Emergency Services aircraft or Military Operator on high priority taskings requires access to TRA 196, the aircraft shall request access via Heathrow Radar on frequency 125.625 MHz. Heathrow Radar will liaise with the TRA 196 UAS Operator to request flight activities are stopped. Once confirmation has been received, the high priority crewed aircraft can be issued with a suitable clearance to operate within the TRA. Heathrow Radar shall coordinate with the UAS Operator resumption of UAS activity within the TRA once the high priority aircraft has cleared the TRA.
- 4.3 Emergency services operators of uncrewed aircraft shall request access to TRA 196 by contacting the UAS Operator using the number listed on the NOTAM. Access to the TRA will be coordinated by the UAS Operator Pilot in Command. When the uncrewed aircraft has vacated the TRA, the Emergency services uncrewed aircraft operator is to confirm that to the UAS Operator PiC using the same contact telephone number.
- 4.4 For all non-emergency operations (crewed and uncrewed) that require access to TRA 196, the organisation is to make telephone

contact with the UAS Operator via the telephone number listed on the NOTAM. A minimum of 72 hours notice is requested.

4.5 Permission to enter TRA 196 does not remove the requirement for authorisation of an Enhanced Non-Standard Flight in R157.

5 Dimensions

5.1 **TRA 196.** When required **between 05 February 2026 and 04 February 2027 inclusive**, a TRA is established within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points:

- a) 513004N 0000712W;
- b) 513014N 0000510W;
- c) 513003N 0000508W;
- d) 512952N 0000714W;
- e) 513004N 0000712W.

5.2 TRA 196 will be established between lower limit SFC and upper limit 450 FT AMSL.

6 CAA Contact

6.1 Further enquiries can be made to Airspace Regulation (Utilisation), Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, Civil Aviation Authority on email AROps@caa.co.uk.

TEMPORARY RESERVED AREA
TRA 196
BVLOS UAS
DELIVERY OPERATIONS

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NOTE: Aeronautical/topographical background detail shown from CAA VFR chart.
See NATS AIS website for latest VFR amendments.

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