

BMFA Affiliated Club Risk Assessment Form

On completion of this form you should save it and upload it to : <https://rcc.bmfa.uk/article-16-risk>

When operating in accordance with the Article 16 Authorisation Section: 3.7.2(a) you should ensure this Risk Assessment is shared with all club members.



Club Name :	White Sheet Radio Flying Club	Flying Site Name :	White Sheet Hill & Down	Assessor :	Andrew	Beaven
Date of Assessment :	11/02/2025	Flying Site Lat :	51°06'52.46"			
Date of next review :	11/02/2026	Flying Site Lon :	02°17'02.48"			

This risk assessment relates to the flight of model aircraft with a Maximum Take-Off Mass (MOTM) greater than 7.5Kg and less than 25Kg when operating above 400ft. It forms part of the submission to the BMFA for a Flying Site Permit under the BMFA's Article 16 Authorisation. It applies solely to the club's flying site at White Sheet Hill & Down.

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing to control the risks?	What further action do you need to take to control the risks?	Who needs to carry out the action?	When is the action needed by?	Date Action Completed
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<p>Full size aviation operating in the vicinity of the clubs flying site.</p>	<p>Pilots, Landscape and others below. Possibility of a near miss or collision between a full size aircraft and a model being flown above 400ft.</p>	<p>Club request the BMFA for permanent notification in the Aeronautical Information (AIP) of flight above 400ft at the clubs flying site. Prior to publication in the AIP NOTAM action is being taken to alert other airspace users of model flying above 400ft with regular NOTAM renewals indicating the possible hazard to other airspace users.</p>	<p>All model pilots are to maintain a good lookout and listen for any full size aviation in the immediate area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a full-size aircraft is detected, model aircraft are to be flown away from that quadrant of the sky to ensure the largest possible separation distance. By 'seeing and avoiding', the risk to full size aviation will be minimised. • If the full-size aircraft cannot be detected, the model pilot is to immediately reduce altitude to below 400ft and call for assistance with identifying the potential hazard. All club members at the flying site are to be alert to full size aviation operating in the area. Members who are not flying at the time are to ensure that those whose aircraft are airborne are aware of any full-size aircraft, including their location and direction of travel. 	<p>All Pilots flying above 400ft All Club Members / Pilots present at the site.</p>	<p>Action require during every flight exceeding 400ft. Action required by all members when on site.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>
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Club Members operating above 400ft not aware of the required actions.	Pilots, Landscape and others below. Possibility of a near miss or collision between a full-size and model aircraft being operated above 400ft.	Requirements for operating above 400ft included in Flying Site Rule.	Club members to be periodically reminded in newsletters, at events and by other means of requirements for operating above 400ft.	Scale Secretary.	Ongoing	Ongoing.
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