

Operational Advice Notice

Solitary Bees (September 2024 – April 2025)

23rd September 2024

ASWHM_OAN_067

Version 4.1

It is the responsibility of all employers to ensure that relevant OANs are brought to the attention of their staff. However, individuals remain responsible for their own actions and those who are in any doubt should consult their Supervisor or Manager.

This is an updated version. Red bars have been added at the side of the document to draw the reader's attention to where changes have been made.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This Operational Advice Notice (OAN) is written to advise the airport community of the additional safety measures linked to Solitary Bees activity, as the previously outlined ASWHM_OAN_068 and CAA Safety Notice [SN-2021/014 Pitot Blockage Event](#) ('Safety Notice') are no longer applied.
- 1.2 This is due to the species involved only being active and in flight throughout the summer, from June to August, although this can vary and start in May and continue until early October. An updated ASWHM_OAN_068 will be issued prior to Solitary Bees activity recommencing in the next summer period, which will include an overview of the supporting management plan being developed.
- 1.3 This OAN is effective as of 23rd September 2024.

2. Definitions

Abbreviation	Description
CAA	Civil Aviation Authority

3. Safety Procedures

- 3.1 Even if the additional safety measures outlined in the Safety Notice are not required as Solitary Bees no longer active, the following should be applied where applicable.
 - 3.1.1 Maintenance organisations and continuing airworthiness management organisations should ensure compliance with the original equipment manufacturers/type certificate holders – Operational Suitability Data (OSD) related explicitly to aircraft storage and pre-flight inspections.
 - 3.1.2 Operators should ensure that appropriate covers are used to cover any inlet where an aircraft is going to be in low-utilisation operations.

4. Enquiries

Any enquiries regarding this OAN should be directed to the HAL Airfield Duty Manager (AfDM) at airfield.duty.manager@heathrow.com or 0208 745 7373.

