

Operational Advice Notice

Solitary Bees

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.

1. Introduction

- 1.1** The purpose of this Operational Advice Notice is to advise that additional safety measures linked to Solitary Bees activity, as outlined in ASWHM_OAN_068 and CAA Safety Notice [SN-2021/014 Pitot Blockage Event](#), need no longer be applied. 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 can start in May and continue until September and early October). Therefore, an updated OAN will be issued prior to activity recommencing in the summer, which will include an overview of supporting management plan currently being developed.
- 1.2** This OAN is effective as of 7th November 2022.

2. Definitions

| Abbreviation | Description |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| CAA | Civil Aviation Authority |

3. Safety Procedure

- 3.1** Even those the additional safety measures outlined in the Safety Notice are not required as Solitary Bees no longer being 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) specifically relate to aircraft storage and pre-flight inspections.
- 3.1.2** Operators should ensure that where an aircraft is going to be in low utilisation operations then the use of appropriate covers are used to cover any inlet.
- 3.2** Operators should as refer to Aviation Recovery Post Covid-19 [SN-2020/013 Returning Aircraft to Service from Extended Parking](#) [SN-2021/012 Operational Resilience – Aviation industry recovery post Covid -19](#).

