

JOINT HELICOPTER COMMAND

INFORMATION FOR EQUINE EVENT ORGANISERS

The Joint Helicopter Command operate multiple military helicopter types. They often fly at very low levels above the ground, at speed, as part of operationally essential training and tasking.

Equine events that have been pre-notified to the Low Fly Tactical Plans Cell are captured on a NOTAM which is a distribution system to all military airspace users. This mandates crews to avoid the area by an appropriate margin.

At all other times our crews operate a “see and avoid” policy. This means if they spot an event that has not been captured on a NOTAM they will do their very best to avoid it, by as much as they safely can, IF and WHEN they spot it.

In order to help us to protect you, event organisers are encouraged to provide the following details at least a week in advance to:

SWK-MAMCLFTP@mod.gov.uk

- Date of event
- Timings of Event
- Exact location of event – including a grid reference

This will allow a NOTAM to be raised so that our crews know where to avoid which significantly reduces the likelihood of alarming a horse with our operations.

