

Infringement occurrences

NEW (30 June 2021)

Infringement of the Class D Newcastle Control Area (CTA)

Date	23 April 2021
Aircraft Category	Fixed-wing SEP
Type of Flight	Recreational
Airspace / Class	Newcastle City CTA / Class D

Met information

- METAR EGNT 231350Z 10007KT 070V160 CAVOK 18/M01 QNH 1028
- METAR EGTC 231220Z 12010KT 070V160 CAVOK 15/01 QNH 1028

Air traffic control

The Air Traffic Controller observed a 7000 squawk on radar with MODE S in the vicinity of Sunderland Harbour routing northbound indicating 2,000 feet. As the aircraft approached Tynemouth it was seen to have commenced a descent to 1,600 feet. A blind call was made to try to establish contact and intentions, but no reply was received. As the aircraft continued north and approaching the Blyth windfarm it was observed to climb to 1,800 feet. Further blind calls were made to the aircraft with no response. The aircraft left the CTA and was observed climb to 4,000 feet and was tracked on radar to the Scottish borders where the contact was lost. Scottish FIR was asked to maintain vigilance in case the aircraft made contact. Scottish FIR called back to confirm that no contact had been made. There was no impact on operations at Newcastle Airport throughout period of infringement.