

Jet Powered Gliders

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This note should be read in conjunction with the existing BGGC Notes on use of Turbo Gliders.

The advent of gliders featuring Jet sustainer engines whilst featuring apparently simpler deployment/start-up procedures and reduced drag whilst deployed have been seen to introduce additional noise related concerns.

Whilst this may be a subjective view when compared to the existing noise generated by 2-stroke turbo equipped gliders it is hoped that pilots operating jets will ensure that if operated close to Nympsfield this only occurs above a reasonable height and that you do not loiter in the vicinity of the airfield e.g. avoid thermalling or running the ridges repeatably whilst the jet is running.

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