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As a private pilot who has chosen the quiet life in the Highlands of Scotland (with friends and business acquaintances in Scarborough) I read the representations with great interest, particularly the opinions re the effect on wildlife, more specifically birds, and the perceived negative impact of noise.

It is perhaps understandable how those with little experience of light aircraft operations may incorrectly conclude aircraft have a negative effect on wildlife. The reality is however very different. Contrary to common belief airfields are sanctuaries for wildlife, this is largely due to the main disturbance of wildlife being kept away from airfields, that is us humans. This is clearly evidenced at any airfield. Indeed such is the attraction of airfields to birds the busy commercial airfields from which airliners operate have to have bird control units to keep birds clear. Something I may add is not necessary for the type of operation proposed.

Similarly for those with little experience of light aircraft operations the very mention of aircraft operating locally often conjures up thoughts of airliners and associated ongoing noise. Again the reality is very different, light aircraft have very different and significantly smaller engines which largely go unnoticed when operating from open farm strips.

In summary.

The main drive of the objections is based on perceived effects rather than the reality of operating an airfield as proposed.

The effects on wildlife will be negligible and indeed are likely to be positive.

The increase in any noise will likewise be negligible on the quiet and peaceful enjoyment of neighbours.

In my experience where such applications have been successful those who objected have, with experience of the operations, become supporters of the airfield for their contribution to wildlife habitats and the local community.

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