

## Aviation Related Environmental Enquiries

Airspace, ATM & Aerodromes  
Safety & Airspace Regulation Group



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Dear Mr Simpson

### RE: WEATHER MODIFICATION PROGRAMMES

Thank you for the package of correspondence that you recently presented to the CAA; the Authority is specifically tasked by the Government to provide a focal point for aircraft related environmental enquiries and complaints and this section has been asked to respond to you directly.

As they are responsible for the oversight of Airworthiness in the UK, we determined that it was necessary for our colleagues in the Airworthiness Capability Team to assess the documentation that you kindly provided and therefore it was forwarded on accordingly. Having reviewed the content, our colleagues have confirmed that they agree with the Airbus response, in that the pipes displayed in the photographs are drainage pipes installed to ensure that fuel does not 'pool' in the structure should a fuel leak be experienced. They also confirmed that the pipes are fit as standard and that the Authority holds no information/evidence that would indicate that they are being used as part of an active weather modification programme.

We trust that the above helps to clarify the matter for you.

Yours sincerely

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