

Email correspondence between the applicant and Derbyshire County Council Trading Standards Service over whether a licence is required for the storage of aviation fuel at the site

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Supporting letter from PDG Aviation Services



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28/07/2026

Dear Steve Green

PDG Helicopters Reference

Helifuel Services are an essential part to our operations down in the peak district and surrounding areas. Over the last few years, we have been involved with large restoration projects for the local moorland, and as of recently, the large-scale wildfires in the surrounding areas.

Helifuel is key to our operations running smoothly and they allow us to respond in an efficient and timely manner while allowing us to be cost effective.

Without Helifuel and their prime location we would need to source fuel from local airfields which could add significant flying time onto the task at the expense of the customer and takes away from what could be vital time firefighting or providing key resources to the moorland restoration projects.

Helifuel provide a service which allows us to limit our flying expenses and save costs for the businesses involved in firefighting and moorland restoration allowing them to channel funds into additional resources, which, in turn could help us extinguish a fire earlier or progress the moorland restoration at a faster rate.

Helifuel are vital to an effective and successful operation and having worked with them for several years I can say with good faith that they have the best interests of everyone involved whenever they are required. The way they conduct themselves on site is extremely professional and their ability to respond at short notice has allowed for us to achieve substantial progress in restoring the peak district over the last few years.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Ogle'.

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Supporting letter from GB Helicopters



To whom it may concern,

GB Helicopters is to support Helifuel Services and all the taskings they undertake. Their operating base is critical to their effective delivery of much needed support.

Since 2008, GB Helicopters has delivered specialist helicopter operations across the UK, including utility works, powerline inspections, aerial filming, emergency response and, more recently, aerial wildfire suppression. Throughout these operations, the availability of reliable, responsive ground fuel support has been fundamental to the safe and efficient delivery of our services.

For many of the tasks we undertake, particularly those in remote locations such as the Peak District, North Wales and other upland areas, the ability to refuel close to the operational site is essential. Without a dedicated mobile refuelling capability, helicopters would be required to return to licensed airfields to uplift fuel, significantly increasing transit times, reducing aircraft productivity, increasing operational costs and, in many cases, making the work commercially or operationally unviable.

The recent wildfires at Tintwistle and Dovestone provide a clear example of the critical role Helifuel Services performs. During these prolonged emergency operations, Helifuel Services supplied aviation fuel directly to the helicopter landing sites on a daily basis, enabling continuous aerial firefighting operations without unnecessary delays. This logistical support allowed GB Helicopters and other operators to maintain a sustained response throughout the incident, ensuring aircraft remained available when they were needed most.

As demand for helicopter support continues to grow across infrastructure maintenance, environmental restoration and emergency response, access to a strategically located fuel support provider in the North West is increasingly important. The storage of fuel bowzers and associated equipment at business addresses with easy access will enhance operational resilience, improve response times and support critical services that benefit utility providers, emergency services, landowners and the wider public.

GB Helicopters fully supports Helifuel Services facility and consider it to be an essential piece of infrastructure that will deliver significant operational and public benefit.

Kind regards,

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