Thank you for your letter of 7 March. The British Air Display Association (BADA) is formed of members from all facets of the air display community to “encourage, promote and advance safety standards in British air displays”.

Following the tragic accident at Shoreham, we welcomed the CAA Air Display Review and have embraced and assisted with some of the new measures. For BADA, the critical part of the Review’s Terms of Reference was, “The Review will engage fully with the air display community, including organisers and pilots, as well, where feasible those who attend or are in the vicinity of air displays.” This showed the Review would have a full understanding of the many facets at play in air displays. When the promised engagement did not happen, we became increasingly concerned that, even well-intentioned change would have unintended consequences and reduce public and pilot safety.

Mark Swan’s workshop in March, with several experienced members of the air display community, will address many of our concerns and we sincerely hope we now can put recent differences behind us. We look forward to restoring the cooperation that has long characterised our relationship and to working together in response to Aircraft Accident Investigation Branch recommendations in S1/2016 and any subsequent reports.

Yours sincerely