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Local MEP visits gliding club to discuss problem legislation

Conservative MEP for Worcester, Philip Bradbourn, visited a gliding club in the region today and was quizzed by gliding enthusiasts about the problems they are having with European legislation which is impacting on their hobby.

The problems are arising due to the European Aviation Safety Agency, an organisation which is imposing greater bureaucracy and cost to small businesses and air sport enthusiasts throughout the region under the auspices of increasing the safety of the sport.

Mr Bradbourn, a leading member of the Transport Committee in the European Parliament said:

“This legislation is a typical example of where a hammer is being used to crack a nut. The increased cost and bureaucracy required to comply with legislation which adds no value or increased safety benefits to gliding enthusiasts is completely unreasonable. The extra lengths, and added costs, small businesses and individuals have to go to in order to comply with these laws are wholly disproportionate.

The tried and tested system which has ensured safety for years works without added paper work and costs which are pricing enthusiasts out of gliding and are putting some small businesses on the verge of bankruptcy

I am committed to raising these issues within the European Parliament and with the European Commission and I intend to see these disproportionate and bureaucratic laws amended.”

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