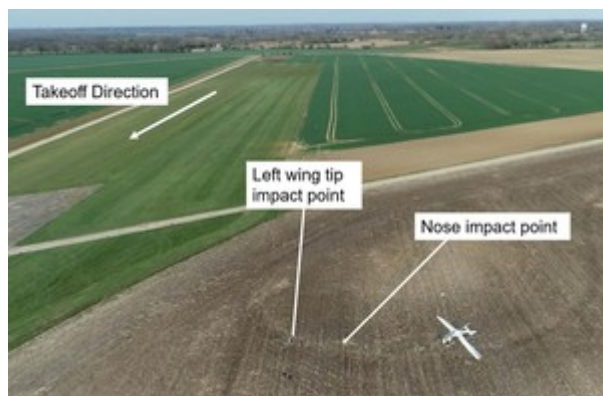


AAIB Report: Silent 2 Electro (G-CIRK), during takeoff the aircraft stalled and hit the ground in a steep nose down impact, Wormingford Airfield, Colchester, Essex

News story

A Silent 2 Electro motor glider (G-CIRK) suffered a propeller strike shortly before it got airborne. The glider climbed steeply, stalled and entered an incipient spin to the left. The glider struck the ground nose-first and the pilot suffered serious injuries, 23 April 2021.



During the ground roll for a self-launched takeoff, the motor glider suffered a propeller strike shortly before it got airborne. The eyewitness evidence and recorded data showed that the glider climbed steeply to about 100 ft before stalling and entering an incipient spin to the left. The glider struck the ground nose-first and the pilot suffered serious injuries, in part due to the lack of energy absorbing structure ahead of the pilot's seat. The pilot had no recollection of the accident flight.

No mechanical fault or defect was found that would explain the aircraft pitching up excessively after takeoff. The steep climb was most likely the result of an excessive aft stick input that was not corrected. While the investigation could not positively identify the cause of the aft stick input, it is likely that distraction, pilot workload or stress were factors in the accident. Additional contributory factors were the aircraft's characteristics of low stick forces with low sensory feedback, and poor stall warning indications.

As a result of the investigation findings the BGA has published and sent a 'Safety Briefing' to Silent 2 Electro owners in the UK which provides guidance on operating the motor glider. This has also been provided to the European Gliding Union for onward dissemination to other European gliding

associations.

The aircraft had been fitted with a Ballistic Parachute Recovery System (BPRS) which can present a hazard to first responders. As a result the CAA has updated its online G-INFO aircraft register to identify aircraft fitted with such a device.

[Read the report.](#)

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AAIB Report: DJI Matrice M210 v1, Battery communication warning appeared and control lost, Poole, Dorset

News story

During the operation of a DJI Matrice M210 Version 1, stronger than forecast winds caused the unmanned aircraft to drift beyond visual line of sight and communication with it was lost, 19 November 2020.



A DJI Matrice M210 Version 1, quadcopter unmanned aircraft (UA) was being flown during a police operation when the wind at 400 ft exceeded the forecast wind, the manufacturer's wind limit and the maximum restricted speed of the UA. The UA drifted beyond visual line of sight and then communication with it was lost. When the battery level was low it entered an auto-land mode but collided with the wall of a house, damaging its propeller blades before coming to rest on a balcony.

The investigation revealed that shortly after takeoff one of the UA's two batteries had disconnected which resulted in its maximum speed being

restricted, but this restriction is not referenced in the user manual and neither the remote pilot nor operator were aware of it. When the UA detected that the manufacturer's wind limit had been exceeded, the message triggered on the pilot's controller display was 'Fly with caution, strong wind' instead of advising the pilot that the limit had been exceeded and that the UA should be landed as soon as possible.

Three Safety Recommendations are made to the UAS manufacturer and one to the CAA on Visual Line of Sight guidance.

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[9-year ban for Glasgow coffee wholesaler boss](#)

Filippo Dioguardi, 58, based in Glasgow has been disqualified as a director for nine years.

He was sole director of Camardo Coffee (Scotland) Ltd, which was incorporated in 2015 and was registered initially at an address in East Kilbride, before relocating to Glasgow around May 2018.

Dioguardi was appointed as a director in September 2019, becoming sole director two months later.

The business went into liquidation shortly afterwards, in August 2020, at which point the last filed accounts showed assets totalling over £800,000.

However, due to the lack of company records kept by Filippo Dioguardi, it was impossible for the liquidator or the Insolvency Service to establish the accuracy of these, or whether any assets were disposed of at fair value and to the benefit of the company or its creditors.

Instead, Dioguardi refused to co-operate with the Insolvency Service investigation, which also identified he had taken out a taxpayer-backed Bounce Back Loan of £50,000 on 27 May 2020, less than two months before liquidation.

The investigation also noted outgoings from the company account between April 2020 and August 2020 of nearly £150,000, including cash withdrawals of over £70,000. Whether these funds were used for legitimate business use or for repaying creditors could not be established.

The Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy accepted a disqualification undertaking from Filippo Dioguardi after he admitted failing to maintain or preserve, or provide, adequate accounting records. His ban runs from 25 March 2022 to 24 March 2031.

The disqualification undertaking prevents him from directly, or indirectly, becoming involved in the promotion, formation or management of a company, without the permission of the court.

Rob Clarke, Chief Investigator at The Insolvency Service said:

Keeping proper records is a pivotal duty for directors and there is no place in the corporate arena for those who neglect their responsibilities in this area and thereby cover up the activities of the companies they manage.

The lack of records in this case made it impossible to determine whether there was other, more serious, misconduct involved and what became of £50,000 in Government backed funds which have not been accounted for. This is reflected in the lengthy period of disqualification.

Notes to editors

Filippo Dioguardi is an Italian national born March 1964 residing in Glasgow.

Camardo Coffee (Scotland) Ltd company number – SC500544

A disqualification order has the effect that without specific permission of a court, a person with a disqualification cannot:

- act as a director of a company
- take part, directly or indirectly, in the promotion, formation or management of a company or limited liability partnership
- be a receiver of a company's property

Disqualification undertakings are the administrative equivalent of a disqualification order but do not involve court proceedings.

Persons subject to a disqualification order are bound by a [range of other restrictions](#).

[Information about the work of the Insolvency Service, and how to complain about financial misconduct](#).

Contact Press Office

You can also follow the Insolvency Service on:

[Crime news: process change for intermediaries helping court users](#)

News story

Criminal Bills Assessment manual updated to reflect new guidance on the use of intermediaries to help vulnerable users of courts and tribunals.



We are updating our guidance following changes to the process governing the use of intermediaries to help vulnerable users of the court system.

This follows the launch of the HMCTS Appointed Intermediary Service on 1 April 2022. This aims to help vulnerable people with specialist communication needs to take part in court or tribunal hearings.

COVID-19 contingency record

We are also taking the opportunity to add in an annex of the COVID-19 contingencies now that these are mostly no longer in effect.

This annex will serve mainly as an historical record for the use of providers and the LAA. It also confirms the position regarding travel and remote attendances as we move forwards to business as usual.

Further information

[Legal aid guidance: crime](#) – to view and download Criminal Bills Assessment Manual

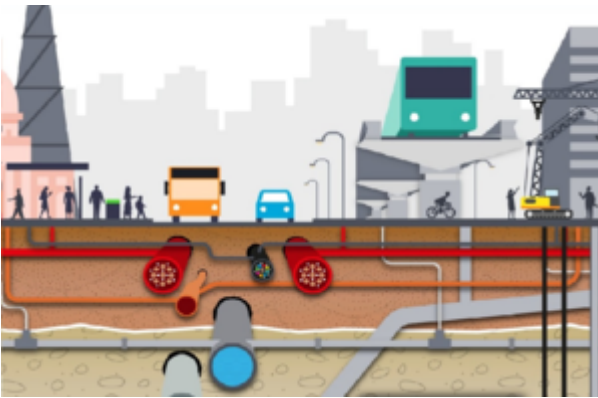
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National Underground Asset Register public consultation launched

News story

The Geospatial Commission is seeking views on current ways of working, the need for potential legislative reform and the future operating model of NUAR.



The Geospatial Commission today launches its [public consultation on the future operating model of the National Underground Asset Register \(NUAR\)](#), a digital service for sharing data on the location of underground pipes and cables. The Commission is inviting those that will benefit from the service and the wider public to provide their views on what the future of NUAR could look like, and is particularly keen to receive responses from those working in the industry.

The deadline for responses is 11.59pm on Thursday 2 June 2022.

The consultation

The current build phase of the NUAR project is well underway. The Geospatial Commission is now holding a [consultation](#) on what the future operating model of the service could be. This consultation is a chance for you to provide your views on how the service could be run.

Questions

The public consultation asks nine questions in total on the following areas:

- Current ways of working
- Assessing the need for legislation and potential measures
- Who should be charged to support the running of NUAR in the future

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