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Successful first meeting between the CAA and The People's Mosquito

The People's Mosquito is pleased to announce that a formal preliminary meeting between TPM's John Lilley, Project Lead, & Ross Sharp, Engineering Lead and the Civil Aviation Authority took place on 10th September 2012.

The meeting at Aviation House, Gatwick, was chaired by the CAA's Head of Aircraft Certification Department, and involved representatives from Structures, Propulsion and Materials Sciences.

John Lilley introduced the project to the meeting, giving a brief history, its raison d'être and discussing the project's efforts to date. Ross Sharp then presented the technical part of the presentation.

Following a wide-ranging discussion, a broad consensus was reached as to how TPM could achieve its goal of a fully-restored, flying, DH98 Mosquito.

TPM promised a comprehensive exchange of information - as and when required - so that the CAA's Safety Regulation Group (SRG) be kept informed as to the status of the project, allowing it to fully exercise its statutory obligations.

Following the meeting, the CAA furnished The People's Mosquito with an approved list of contractors for their consideration.

Formed in December 2011, The People's Mosquito has a simple vision: to restore a de Havilland DH.98 Mosquito to flying condition and return it to the skies. The project began life on Twitter when warbird restorer and aviation fanatic John Lilley tweeted about his longstanding idea of getting a Mosquito flying in the UK again.

The individuals behind the People's Mosquito project all have one thing in common – a passion for aircraft. They are united by a love of aviation history and a desire to see one of the Second World War's most distinguished aircraft fly again.

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Notes to Editors

Artist's visualization of restored RL249 available for publication.

Project Lead John Lilley is available for interview/comment. He is, however, currently working in China and therefore an interview would be best done via Skype or Google+. Please contact Nick Horrox who will arrange this with John if required.

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