

ESI Operations at Arlington

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Good news – while the details still have to be worked out and nothing is official, the long-standing struggle about the continuation of our current operations on the grass between runway 16/ 34 and the eastern taxiway appears to be now assured. Thanks to the dedicated and persistent work of various ESI members the FAA has now (verbally) agreed to accept the current operations with a number of stipulations. These stipulations, which will be eventually part of official operating rules, will require – among other things - that all gliders have to use radios and that we have to honor the “object free zones” along the taxiway. Also, we will have to do a better job in keeping non-essential persons and “objects” away from the take-off line and keep vehicle use to a minimum. And no more long landings over any gliders, towplanes or people in the take-off area.

Once again, nothing is official yet but it looks as if these are conditions , that we can live with. In the mean time, let’s all be on our best behavior and show everybody that we are responsible members of the Arlington flying community.