



EGBB Pilot's Briefing Pack

Welcome to the next 'edition' of Birmingham Live! If you're new to VATSIM, new to operating in or out of BHX or are a veteran and want to read the briefing for helpful advice/info then this is for you!

Remember before spawning to check <https://vatsim.uk/airports/egbb> to see which stands might already be taken by other pilots. Please wait before transmitting on any frequency change to ensure you don't interrupt any ongoing transmissions between pilot's and controllers. This helps everyone enjoy it more!

Voice is genuinely much easier for Pilot's and Controllers, but if you are using Text to communicate, make sure you file your flight plan and tick Text or Receive Only. We handled more traffic than EGKK, EGLL and EGCC last time we ran this which was during a week day, so we are expecting a busy day ahead this time!

General Advice. (For the TL/DR)

Don't all fly to one destination, it will lead to delays on the ground if you all push in sequence. Departing on different SID's will allow for shorter waits at the hold.

Be patient when requesting clearance. There are likely to be pilots newer to VATSIM that may require help getting cleared.

Consider flying in rather than all departing from EGBB, this will help keep the flow steady. Maybe consider two shorter flights than one long one.

Read your charts!

ATC Frequencies

Service Designation	Callsign	Frequency
EGBB_APP	Birmingham Radar	123.950 MHz*
EGBB_TWR	Birmingham Tower	118.300 MHz*
EGBB_GND	Birmingham Ground	121.800 MHz*
EGBB_DEL	Birmingham Delivery	121.920 MHz*
EGBB_ATIS	Birmingham Information	136.020 MHz

Pushback and Taxi:

If you request pushback and it is busy around you – prepare to be told to hold position. Be patient with this, the controller will have a list of aircraft waiting and they will call you up when it is clear. Sometimes you'll have to hold for another aircraft who is behind their slot to push ahead of you. This is normal.

If you are on the Elmdon Apron side, you will speak to Delivery and then be passed to Tower. Don't be confused if this is you, as Tower control the south side of the airport instead of Ground.

IFR Departures

Below are suggested departure SID's to use with direction of travel. The SID's listed are those that are preferred for use on the VATSIM network. Make sure you only set the Initial Altitude as shown below – unless cleared higher by RADAR or Above.

Runway 33

LUVUM1M – North, West – Initial Climb 6000ft

ADME1M / UNGA1M – South, South East – Initial Climb 6000ft

UMLUX1M – South West – Initial Climb 6000ft



Runway 15 –

LUVUL1L – North, West - Initial Climb 6000ft

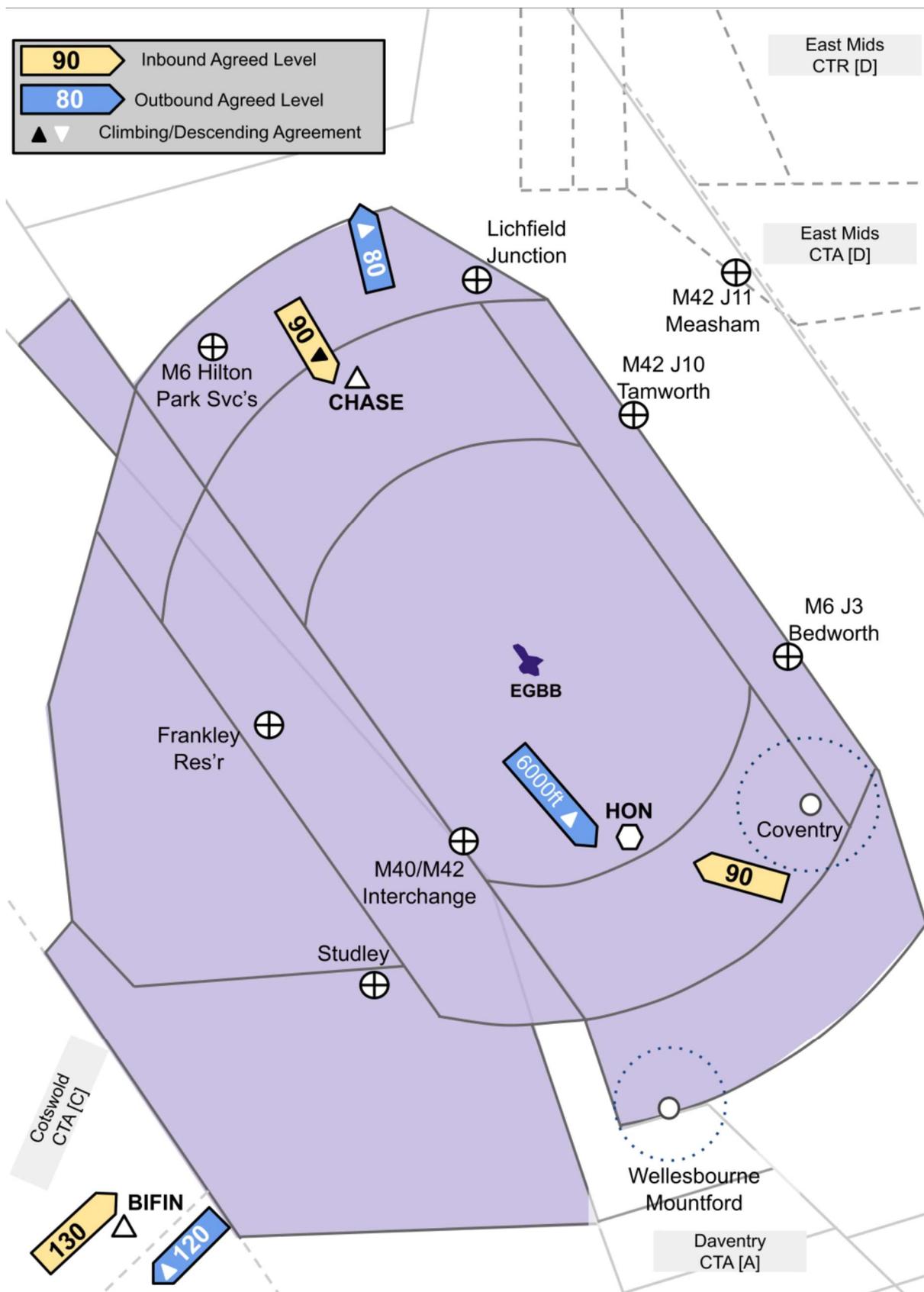
DTY2Y, COWL2Y – South, South East – Initial Climb 6000ft

CPT2Y – West South West – Initial Climb 6000ft

WCO2Y – ONLY FOR EGLL, EGGW, EGSS, EGSC, WGWU – Initial Climb 6000ft



VFR TRAFFIC



Note:

If you spawn at the Elmdon Apron then you will speak to Clearance Delivery, then Tower! Ground has no responsibility at the Elmdon Apron.

All in all, enjoy the stream! Use the discord server to chat with everybody and work out routings, times and help us to manage the flow of traffic nicely.

Final Tips

Make sure after departure, or during arrival, that you adhere to and follow any Speed and Altitude constraints as they are shown on the charts. These are set for a reason and must be followed!

If you are not sure about something – just ask! We are all here to help you enjoy it – especially if it is your first ever flight on the VATSIM network... we want you to make the most out of the event!

If you are connecting for the very first time, or you're new to VATSIM and might need added time to work things out – add "New to VATSIM" or "First VATSIM Flight" into the Remarks tab – the controllers will see this and try their best to help you as much as possible.

Don't be nervous about using Voice – you will find it a LOT easier than typing text responses and receiving text responses, and you'll find your flight experience a lot smoother for using it too so give it a go! 😊

If you want to have some handy crib/help sheets alongside you while you fly on another screen, or have something to print out – then check out the following PDF documents created by BritishAvgeek to help give you some additional information on top of his VATSIM Tutorial videos on Youtube!

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1i6cypPMTqISqBWQIYknig_sNqSMjQI77?usp=sharing



Special thanks to Dave B for helping to create this document for you all to use and enjoy! Hope you find it useful!