

**Question for written answer E-005644/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Habitats Directive: potential for conflict

Model aeroplane enthusiasts are active alongside two Habitats Directive sites within my constituency. The aeroplanes consistently violate the ban on flying over Habitats Directive sites. The flights also cause significant damage to the immediate surroundings of the protected area.

Furthermore, it seems that no environmental impact assessment was carried out before permission for the activity was granted. Yet the competent regional authorities are doing nothing to address these violations.

How does the Commission respond to such violations of the Habitats Directive?

What can be done to better protect Habitats Directive sites?