

STANFORD TRAINING AREA
BYELAWS

Made by the Secretary of State for Defence, under the provisions of Part II of the Military Lands Act 1892, for regulating the use of the above-mentioned Training Area.

DEFENCE

The Stanford Training Area Byelaws 1970

Made 12th June 1970
Coming into operation 1st December 1970

The Secretary of State for Defence in exercise of his powers under Part II of the Military Lands Act 1892 (a), Section 2 of the Defence (Transfer of Functions) Act 1964 (b) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf hereby makes the following Byelaws:-

AREA OF LAND AFFECTED

1. The area to which these Byelaws apply (hereinafter referred to as "the Danger Area") consists of the Stanford Training Area within the Parishes of Stanford, Lynford, Ickburgh, Hilborough, Little Cressingham, Merton, Thompson, Tottington, Sturston, Wretham, Stow Bedon and Croxton, in the County of Norfolk the boundaries of which are, for convenience of identification, marked with a thick black line on the plan hereto annexed and identified as "Plan of the Stanford Training Area".

USE OF DANGER AREA

2. The Danger Area may be used for the purposes of service training including the firing of any type of weapon, vehicle training, parachuting, landing and take off of aircraft including helicopters, exploding demolition charges and for all activities ancillary to such purposes

PROHIBITION OF ACCESS

3. The Danger Area shall be permanently closed to the public. Subject to the provision of Byelaws No. 8 no person shall:-

- (a) enter into or upon or pass over or through the Danger Area, or
- (b) be or remain in or upon the Danger Area, or
- (c) cause or permit or suffer any vehicle, animal, vessel, aircraft or thing to enter into or upon or to pass through or to be or remain in or upon the Danger Area, or
- (d) cause or permit any aircraft to fly over the Danger Area at a height less than 7,500 feet above mean sea level.

PROJECTILES

4. No person shall dig or search for any projectile or any lead or other metal in or on the Danger Area, or interfere with or take or retain or be in possession of any projectile or any lead or other metal found within the Danger Area, or remove any projectile from the Danger Area.

GOVERNMENT STORES

5. No person shall interfere with or remove from the Danger Area any stores or articles belonging to or under the care or control of the Ministry of Defence or otherwise the property of the Crown.

OFFENCES

6. Subject to the provisions of Byelaw No. 8 any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening any provision of any of the preceding Byelaws Nos. 3, 4 and 5 thereby commits an offence against the Byelaw so contravened.

ENFORCEMENT

7. Subject to the provisions of Byelaws No. 8 the following persons are hereby authorised to remove from the Danger Area and to take into custody without warrant any person found therein or found committing any other offence against any of the said Byelaws, and to remove from the Danger Area any vehicle, animal, vessel, aircraft or thing whatsoever found in the Danger Area in contravention of any of the said Byelaws:-

- (a) the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Command.
- (b) the Commandant, Stanford Training Area.
- (c) any officer, any warrant officer, non-commissioned officer or rating of corresponding rank, or any service policeman, in uniform and being for the time being under the Command of the said General Officer Commanding-in-Chief or the Commandant, Stanford Training Area.
- (d) any person authorised in writing by or on behalf of the said General Officer Commanding-in-Chief or the Commandant, Stanford Training Area.
- (e) any member of a police force or any special constable under the control of the Ministry of Defence.

EXEMPTIONS

8. (1) Nothing done by a person using the Danger Area in pursuance of Byelaw No. 2 shall constitute an offence against any of these Byelaws.
- (2) Any person acting under and in accordance with any authority or permission given by or on behalf of the Secretary of State or the General Officer Commander-in-Chief, Southern Command, or the Commandant, Stanford Training Area shall be deemed not to have committed an offence against any of these Byelaws.

(3) If it is proved that an act or omission of any person which would otherwise have been an offence against any of the provisions of Byelaw No. 3 was due to any cause not avoidable by the exercise of reasonable care by that person the act or omission shall be deemed not to be an offence against the Byelaw.

INTERPRETATION

9. (1) The Interpretation Act 1889 (a) shall apply to the interpretation of these Byelaws as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.
- (2) In these Byelaws the expression-
- "projectile" includes any shot or shell or other missile and any portion thereof;
 - "aircraft" includes any craft or contrivance which though not an aircraft is for the time being airborne; and
 - "vessel" includes any craft or vessel used in navigation and any craft or vessel which though not so used is for the time being waterborne.

DATE OF OPERATION OF BYELAWS

10. The Byelaws shall come into operation on the 1st day of December 1970, and may be cited as the Stanford Training Area Byelaws 1970.

Dated this 12th day of June 1970.

(Signed) L.SALTHOUSE

By order of the Secretary of State for Defence

NOTICES

PENALTY FOR OFFENCES

1. By section 17(2) of the Military Lands Act 1892, as amended by Section 92 of and Schedule 3 to the Criminal Justice Act 1967, it is provided:-

If any person commits an offence against any Byelaw under this Act, he shall be liable, on conviction before a Court of Summary Jurisdiction, to a fine not exceeding TWENTY POUNDS, and may be removed by any Constable or Officer authorised in manner provided by the Byelaw from the area, whether land or water, to which the Byelaw applies, and taken into custody without Warrant, and brought before a Court of Summary Jurisdiction to be dealt with according to law, and any vehicle, animal, vessel, or thing found in the area in contravention of any Byelaw, may be removed by any Constable or such Officer as aforesaid, and on due proof of such contravention, be declared by a Court of Summary Jurisdiction to be forfeited to Her Majesty.

INSPECTION OF BYELAWS AND PLAN

2. A copy of these Byelaws and a plan showing the Danger Area is displayed at principal entrances to Stanford Training Area and may be inspected at the Police Stations at Thetford, Brandon, Watton, Mundford, Great Cressingham and Great Hockham, the Post Offices at Thetford, Brandon, Watton, Mundford, West Tofts, East Wretham, Thompson, Little Cressingham, Great Cressingham and Hilborough and at the Range Control Office, West Tofts Camp.

They may also be inspected at the Office of the Defence Land Agent, Ministry of Defence, Falmouth Avenue, Newmarket, Suffolk, where copies of the Byelaws may be obtained at the price of one shilling for each copy.

RECOVERY OF PROJECTILES

3. Any person who finds a projectile within the Danger Area must not disturb it but should report the finding of it to the Range Office, Stanford Training Area or to the police at the first opportunity.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF FIRING

4. Public notification that firing will take place will be given by sending notices, not less than seven days before the day or night of firing, giving particulars of the intended date, time and duration of the firing to the persons and authorities listed in the Appendix hereto.

APPENDIX

The Clerk to the Norfolk County Council.
Chief Constable, Norfolk County Constabulary.
Rural District Council Office, Swaffham
Rural District Council Office, Wayland.



STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1975 No. 24

DEFENCE

**THE STANFORD TRAINING AREA (AMENDMENT)
BYELAWS 1975**

Made 3rd January 1975

Coming into operation .. 24th February 1975

The Secretary of State for Defence, in exercise of his powers under Part II of the Military Lands Act 1892 (a) and Section 2 of the Defence (Transfer of Functions) Act 1964 (b) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Byelaws:—

COMMENCEMENT, CITATION AND INTERPRETATION

1. (1) These Byelaws shall come into operation on 24th February 1975 and may be cited as the Stanford Training Area (Amendment) Byelaws 1975 and shall be read and construed as one with the Stanford Training Area Byelaws 1970 (c) hereinafter referred to as "the Principal Byelaws".
- (2) The Interpretation Act 1889 (d) shall apply to the interpretation of these Byelaws as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL BYELAWS

2. (1) In paragraphs 7(a) and 8 (2) the words " the General Officer Commanding the Army District " shall be substituted for the words " the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Southern Command ".
- (2) In paragraphs 7(c) and 7(d) the words " the General Officer Commanding " shall be substituted for the words " General Officer Commanding-in-Chief ".
- (3) For the plan identified as " Plan of the Stanford Training Area " annexed to the Principal Byelaws there shall be substituted the plan annexed hereto.

Dated this 3rd day of January 1975

(Signed) M. H. TALLBOYS

By order of the Secretary of State for Defence

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Byelaws)

These Byelaws amend the Stanford Training Area Byelaws 1970 by excluding the footpath known as Peddars Way from the area covered by the Byelaws and they amend the description of the General Officer Commanding resulting from changes in Army Districts and nomenclatures.

(a) 1892 c.43. (b) 1964 c.15. (c) S.I. 1970/909. (d) 1889 c.63.

Notwithstanding any fine limit mentioned in the above byelaws the current maximum fine as at 01/09/2008 is the sum of £500 being the maximum on level 2 of the standard scale.