



Barton Road Rifle Range

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 range.

DEFENCE

THE BARTON ROAD RIFLE RANGE BYELAWS 1971

Made

28th January 1971

Coming into operation 1st June 1971

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, with the consent of the Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely County Council so far as regards the interference with the highways hereinafter mentioned, 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 lands belonging to the Secretary of State in the parishes of Barton, Coton, Comberton and Grantchester in the County of Cambridge known as the Barton Road Rifle Range (together with all the highways thereon) the boundaries of which are, for convenience of identification, shown by a thick black line on the plan annexed to these Byelaws and identified as “Plan of the Barton Road Rifle Range”.

USE OF DANGER AREA

2. The Danger Area may be used for the firing of rifles, revolvers, light machine guns and machine carbines and for all activities ancillary to such firing.

PROHIBITION OF ACCESS

3. (1) When the Danger Area is being used for any of the purposes specified in Byelaw No. 2, 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, 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 550 feet above mean sea level.
- (2) Whilst the Danger Area is being used for any of the said purposes, notice of the fact shall be given by the display of the following signals, that is to say, by the display of a

red flag by day and a red light by night hoisted at the following places:—

- (a) at a place by a fence 40 yards north-north-east of the 1,100 yards firing point;
- (b) at a place 30 yards north-west of the south-west end of the stop butts;
- (c) at a place on the hilltop 290 yards north of the south-west end of the stop butts.

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. The following persons are hereby authorised to remove from the Danger Area and to take into custody without warrant any person found therein when it is being used for any of the purposes specified in Byelaw No. 2 or found committing any other offence against any of the said Byelaws, and to remove from the Danger Area any vehicle, animal, 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 Officer in charge of the Barton Road Rifle Range;
- (c) any officer, 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 Officer in charge of the Barton Road Rifle Range;
- (d) any person authorised in writing by or on behalf of the said General Officer Commanding-in-Chief or the Officer in charge of the Barton Road Rifle Range; and
- (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 or by a 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 Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Command, or the Officer in charge of the Barton Road Rifle Range shall constitute an offence against any of these Byelaws.
- (2) 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 paragraph (1) 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 that 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.

DATE OF OPERATION OF BYELAWS

10. These Byelaws shall come into operation on the 1st day of June 1971, and may be cited as the Barton Road Rifle Range Byelaws 1971.

Dated this 28th day of January 1971.

D. J. CHAPMAN

By Order of the Secretary of State
for Defence.

The consent of the Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely County Council to the making of these Byelaws, so far as regards the restriction of the use of the highways within the Danger Area mentioned therein, was given by a resolution of the Highways Committee of the County Council at their meeting on the 23rd day of March 1970.

W. LIDDELL HANN

Clerk of the Cambridgeshire and
Isle of Ely County Council.

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 may be inspected at the Divisional Police Station, Parkside, Cambridge and at the Head Post Office, Cambridge. 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 five pence (5p) 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 Officer in charge of the Barton Road Rifle Range or to the police at the first opportunity.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF FIRING

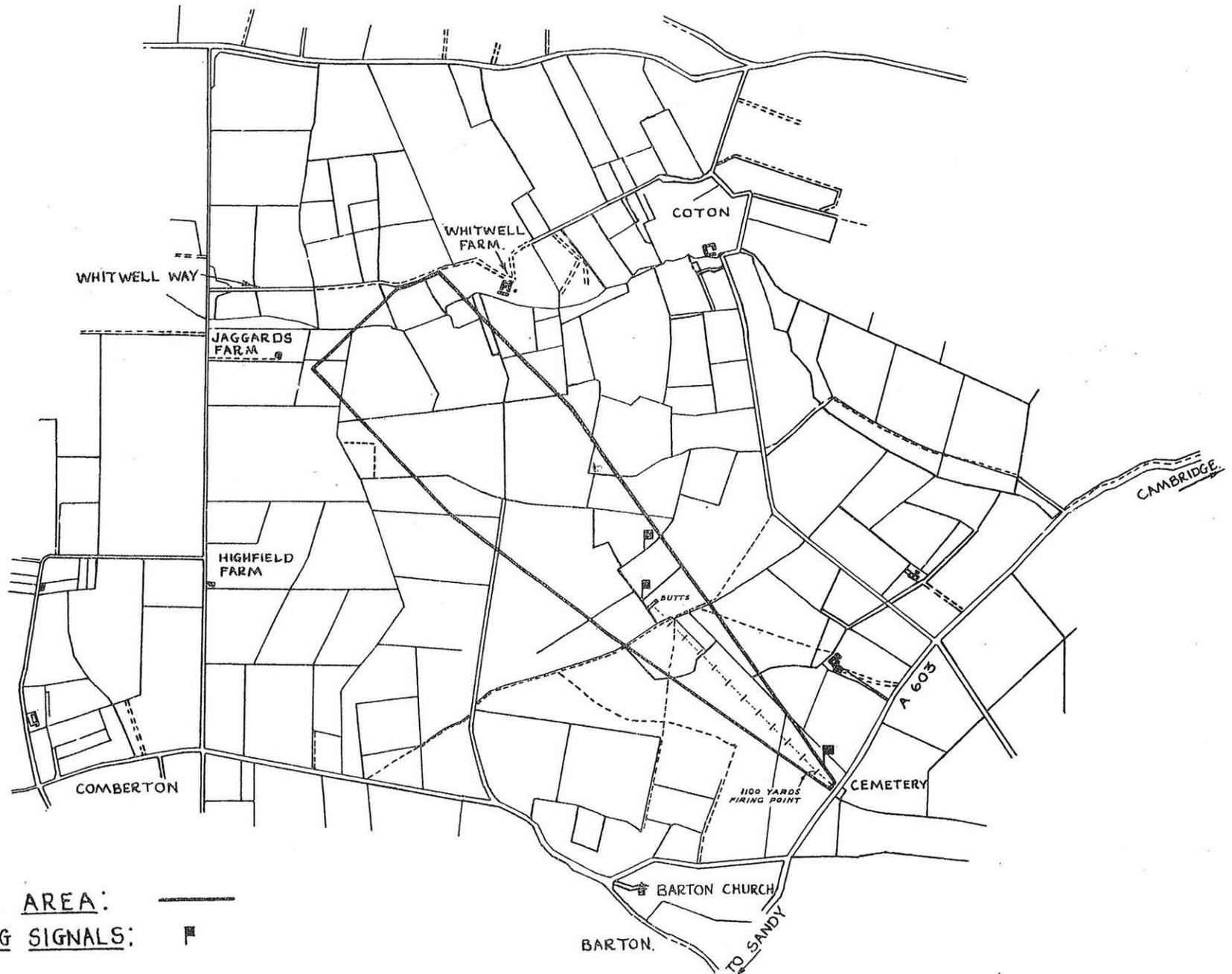
4. (1) Public Notification that firing will take place will be given by sending notices, not less than seven days before the day or night of firing, giving particulars of the intended date, time and duration of the firing to the persons and authorities listed in the Appendix hereto.
- (2) In addition, notification that firing will take place during the hours of darkness will be given by the publication of a notice 4 clear days before the date for firing, in the following newspapers:—

Cambridge Evening News (published each evening);
Cambridge Independent Press and Chronicle (published each Thursday).

APPENDIX

- The Divisional Police Station, Parkside, Cambridge.
The Head Post Office, Cambridge.
Clerk of the Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely County Council, Shire
Hall, Castle Hill, Cambridge.
Clerk to the Chesterton Rural District Council.
Defence Land Agent, Ministry of Defence, Falmouth Avenue,
Newmarket, Suffolk.
Comberton Sub Post Office.
Barton Sub Post Office.
Coton Sub Post Office.
The Occupant, Whitwell Farm, Coton, Cambs.
The Occupant, University Farm, Barton, Cambs.
The Occupant, 50 Burleigh Street, Cambridge.
The Occupant, Manor Farm, Barton, Cambs.
The Occupant, Haggis Farm, Grantchester, Cambs.
The Occupant, Catherine's Hall Farm, Coton, Cambs.

PLAN OF THE BARTON ROAD RIFLE RANGE.



DANGER AREA: ———

WARNING SIGNALS: ■

0 500 1000 2000 3000 4000

SCALE OF YARDS.

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.