



Ash Ranges Byelaws 1983

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

DEFENCE

The Ash Ranges Byelaws 1983

Made 7th February 1983

Coming into operation 25th April 1983

The Secretary of State for Defence, in exercise of his powers under Part II of the Military Lands Act 1892 (a) 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 (in these byelaws referred to as "the Danger Area") shall be the lands belonging to the Secretary of State in the parishes of Ash, Normandy and Pirbright in the County of Surrey known as the Ash Ranges 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 Ash Ranges".

USE OF DANGER AREA

2. The Danger Area may be used for the military firing of small arms of all types, anti-tank weapons and for all activities ancillary to such firing.

PROHIBITION OF ACCESS

3.—(1) When the Danger Area is being used for any of the military purposes specified in byelaw 2, no person shall:

- (a) enter or be in the Danger Area;
- (b) cause or permit any vehicle, animal or thing to enter, pass over or remain in the Danger Area;
- (c) cause or permit any aircraft to fly over the Danger Area at a height less than 1300 feet (396 metres) above mean sea level.

(2) Whilst the Danger Area is being used for any of the said military purposes, notice thereof shall be given by the display of a red flag by day and a red light by night hoisted:

(a) 1892 c.43.

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- (a) at a place approximately 435 metres east of Ash Vale Railway Station (GR 89685340) and indicated as "1" on the plan annexed hereto;
 - (b) at a place on Furze Hill approximately 182 metres east-north-east of the footbridge over the railway (GR 89715378) and indicated as "2" on the said plan;
 - (c) at a place on Spur Hill (GR 90495431) and indicated as "3" on the said plan;
 - (d) at a place on Bridge Hill (GR 90725450) and indicated as "4" on the said plan;
 - (e) at a place on Tunnel Hill (GR 91315487) and indicated as "5" on the said plan;
 - (f) at a place approximately 232 metres south-east of Longdown Hill (GR 91575528) and indicated as "6" on the said plan;
 - (g) at a place approximately 300 metres east-north-east of Longdown Hill (GR 91705555) and indicated as "7" on the said plan;
 - (h) at a place approximately 420 metres west-north-west of the north western end of the butts of Stoney Castle Range (GR 92095565) and indicated as "8" on the said plan;
 - (i) at a place approximately 455 metres north-north-east of the north-western end of the butts of Stoney Castle Range (GR 92605577) and indicated as "9" on the said plan;
 - (j) at a place near the entrance to Stoney Castle Range from the public highway (GR 92845587) and indicated as "10" on the said plan;
 - (k) at a place approximately 230 metres south-south-east of the entrance to Stoney Castle Range from the public highway (GR 92805565) and indicated as "11" on the said plan;
 - (l) at a place north-east of the Field Firing Range (GR 93075551) and indicated as "12" on the said plan;
 - (m) at a place on Chair Hill (GR 92945468) and indicated as "13" on the said plan;
 - (n) at a place approximately 380 metres south-west of Rails Farm (GR 92845414) and indicated as "14" on the said plan;
 - (o) at a place approximately 170 metres west-south-west of Henley Gate (GR 93265375) and indicated as "15" on the said plan;
 - (p) at a place approximately 50 metres west of Henleypark Lake at (GR 93285354) and indicated as "16" on the said plan;
 - (q) at a place near the southern end of Henleypark Range butts (GR 92865356) and indicated as "17" on the said plan;
 - (r) at a place approximately 412 metres north-north-east of Longerend Farm (GR 92395245) and indicated as "18" on the said plan;

- (s) at a place approximately 270 metres south-east of the Old Gravel Pit (GR 91845230) and indicated as "19" on the said plan;
- (t) at a place on Normandy Hill (GR 90545195) and indicated as "20" on the said plan;
- (u) at a place approximately 230 metres north-north-east of Victoria Hall (GR 89765173) and indicated as "21" on the said plan;
- (v) at a place approximately 160 metres east of the junction of Wharf Road and Chandlers Road (GR 89695193) and indicated as "22" on the said plan;
- (w) at a place approximately 280 metres north-north-east of the junction of Wharf Road and Chandlers Road (GR 89615221) and indicated as "23" on the said plan;
- (x) at a place approximately 520 metres north-north-east of the junction of Wharf Road and Chandlers Road (GR 89635244) and indicated as "24" on the said plan;
- (y) at a place approximately 300 metres east-north-east of the junction of Ash Vale Road and Heathvale Bridge Road (GR 89635286) and indicated as "25" on the said plan;
- (z) at a place approximately 440 metres east-south-east of Ash Vale Railway Station (GR 89685322) and indicated as "26" on the said plan.

PROJECTILES

4. No person shall search for, interfere with, take or be in possession of any projectile or other thing used for military purposes.

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 Secretary of State for Defence or otherwise the property of the Crown.

BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTIONS

6. No person shall climb on or enter butts, firing points or any other construction or building in the Danger Area or do any act likely to cause damage to such butts, firing points, construction or building.

ENFORCEMENT

7. The following persons are authorised to remove from the Danger Area and to take into custody without warrant any person

committing any offence against byelaws 3, 4, 5 or 6 and to remove from the Danger Area any vehicle, animal or thing found in the Danger Area in contravention of any of the said byelaws:

- (a) the Commander of the Army District;
- (b) the Officer in Charge of the Ash Ranges;
- (c) any—
 - (i) officer, warrant officer, non-commissioned officer or rating of corresponding rank; or
 - (ii) Service policeman;
 in uniform and being for the time being under the Command of the said Commander or the Officer in Charge of the Ash Ranges;
- (d) any public officer, being a Crown servant, authorised in writing by or on behalf of the said Commander or the Officer in Charge of the Ash Ranges;
- (e) any police officer;
- (f) any special constable under the control of the Secretary of State for Defence.

EXEMPTIONS

8.—(1) Nothing done by a person using the Danger Area in pursuance of byelaw 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 for Defence or the Commander of the Army District or the Officer in Charge of the Ash Ranges shall constitute an offence against any of these byelaws.

(2) It shall be a defence for any person charged with a contravention of byelaw 3(1) to prove that his failure to comply was due to a cause not avoidable by the exercise of reasonable care.

OFFENCES

9. Subject to byelaw 8, any person who contravenes or fails to comply with the provisions of byelaws 3, 4, 5 or 6 shall be guilty of an offence and liable, on conviction, to the penalties specified in section 17 of the Military Lands Act 1892.

INTERPRETATION

10. In these byelaws the expression:
 “projectile” means any shot or shell or other missile and any portion thereof;
 “aircraft” means any craft or contrivance which is for the time being airborne.

COMMENCEMENT, CITATION AND REVOCATION

11.—(1) These byelaws shall come into operation on 25th April 1983 and may be cited as the Ash Ranges Byelaws 1983.

(2) The byelaws in respect of the Ash Rifle Range dated 13th of September 1887 are hereby revoked.

Dated 7th February 1983

(Signed) Jerry Wiggin
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the Armed Forces

EXPLANATORY NOTES

(These notes are for information only and are not part of the byelaws)

PENALTY FOR OFFENCES

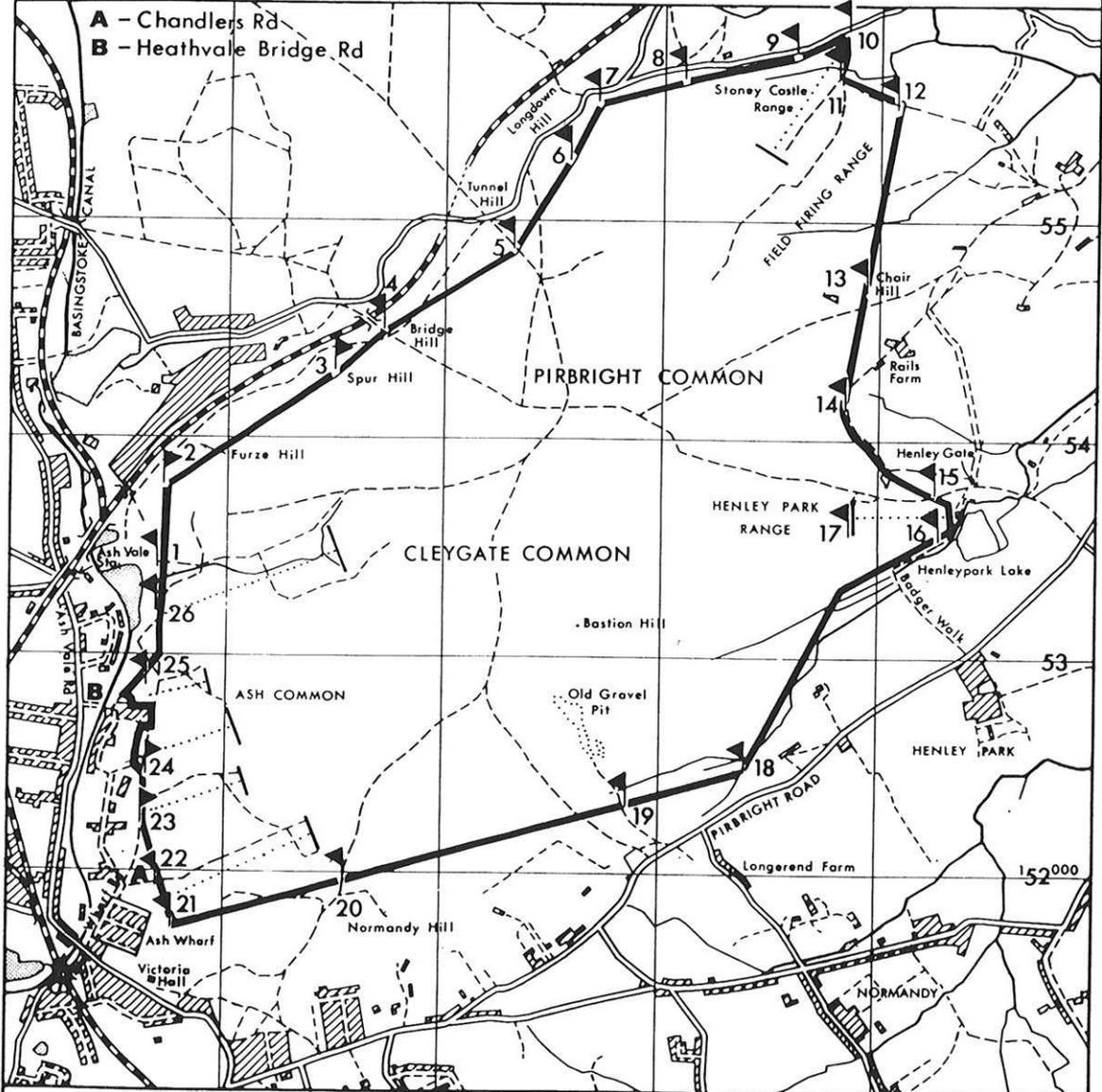
1. By section 17(2) of the Military Lands Act 1892, as amended by section 39 of and Schedule 3 to the Criminal Justice Act 1982, it is provided:

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 FIFTY 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 office of the Officer in Charge of the Ash Ranges, HQ Aldershot Garrison, Cavan's Road, Aldershot and the Police Stations at Aldershot and Farnborough. They may also be inspected at the office of the Senior Estate Surveyor, Property Services Agency, Department of the Environment, Blandford House, Farnborough Road, Aldershot, Hants GU11 2HA where copies of the byelaws may be obtained at the price of five pence (5p) for each copy.

Plan of the Ash Ranges



A - Chandlers Rd
 B - Heathvale Bridge Rd

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————— Danger Area
 ▲ Warning Flags

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 Ash Ranges or to the police at the first opportunity.

MILITARY LANDS BYELAWS

4. The Ash Ranges, the subject of these byelaws, are also subject to Military Lands Byelaws, being those in respect of the Aldershot and District Military Lands.

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.