ROYAL AIR FORCE
BURTONWOOD
(In the County Palatine of Lancaster)

BYELAWS

Made by Her Majesty’s Principal Secretary of State for Air, under the provisions of Part II of the Military Lands Act 1892, for regulating the use of the Royal Air Force Airfield at Burtonwood.
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1963 No. 938

ROYAL AIR FORCE

The Royal Air Force (Burtonwood) Byelaws 1963
Made 6th May 1963
Coming into Operation 15th July 1963

Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Air, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by Part II of the Military Lands Act 1892 (a), as applied by the Air Force (Application of Enactments) (No. 1) Order 1918 (b), and the Air Force (Application of Enactments) (No. 3) Order 1923 (c), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby, with the consent of the County Council of the Administrative County of the County Palatine of Lancaster so far as regards the interference with the highway hereinafter mentioned, makes the following Byelaws for regulating the use of the Royal Air Force Airfield at Burtonwood, and for securing the public against danger arising from that use:—

AREAS OF LAND AFFECTED
1. The areas to which these Byelaws apply consist both of the areas of land described in the Schedule hereto (hereinafter referred to as “the airfield areas”) and of the length of the highway from Burtonwood Village to Great Sankey referred to in Byelaw No. 4.

USE OF THE AIRFIELD AREAS
2. The airfield areas may be used for defence purposes and all activities ancillary thereto, including the flight of aircraft.

PERMANENT CLOSING OF THE AIRFIELD AREAS TO THE PUBLIC
3. The airfield areas shall at all times be closed to the public and all intrusion thereon and obstruction of the use thereof is prohibited.

CLOSING OF ROAD
4. During such time as notice that flying is in progress is given by the display of "Road Closed" signs and red lights on the road

(a) 55 and 56 Vict. c. 43.
(b) S.R. & O. 1918/538 (Rev. I, p.891;1918 I, p.66).
(c) S.R. & O. 1923/1565 (Rev. I, p.916;1923, p.11).
gates in the positions shown on the plan hereto annexed and identified as "Plan of the Royal Air Force Airfield at Burtonwood" and by the closure of the said gates as provided in this Byelaw, the road from Burtonwood Village to Great Sankey shall be closed to the public as follows:

the length of Burtonwood Road which extends from a point approximately 250 yards south-east of its junction with Wright's Lane in a southerly direction for a distance of approximately 1,150 yards and extends for 21 feet on either side of the centre line of the carriageway, that is to say the length of road between the road gates marked on the plan hereto annexed as "Gate No. 1" and "Gate No. 2", shall be closed when both of these road gates are closed and a red light fixed on each of them is displayed.

PROHIBITION OF ACCESS

5. (1) No person shall at any time
   (a) enter into or upon any part of the airfield areas, or
   (b) be or remain in or upon any part of the airfield areas, or
   (c) cause or permit or suffer any animal, vehicle or thing to enter into or upon or to be or remain in or upon any part of the airfield areas, or
   (d) climb, damage, or in any way interfere with
       (i) any fence surrounding the airfield areas, or any part thereof, or
       (ii) any gate or door in any such fence.

(2) No person shall at any time, when using the length of road mentioned in Byelaw No. 4
   (a) leave the roadway, or cause or permit or suffer any animal, vehicle or thing under his control to leave the roadway, or
   (b) use the roadway for any purpose other than passage thereover in exercise of the public right of way.

(3) Whenever the length of road mentioned in Byelaw No. 4 hereof is closed to the public as therein provided, no person shall enter into or upon or be or remain in or upon the closed length of road, or cause or permit or suffer any animal, vehicle or thing to enter into or upon or to be or remain in or upon the closed length of road.

OFFENCES

6. (1) Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening any provision of either of the preceding Byelaws Nos. 3 or 5 shall be deemed to commit an offence against the Byelaw so contravened.

(2) The following persons are hereby authorised to remove and to take into custody without warrant any person committing
an offence against either of the said Byelaws and to remove therefrom any animal, vehicle or thing found within the airfield areas, or in or upon the length of road mentioned in Byelaw No. 4 in contravention of Byelaw No. 5:—

(a) the Officer Commanding the Royal Air Force Station at Burtonwood;

(b) any officer, warrant officer, or non-commissioned officer of any of the Armed Forces of the Crown or any Air Ministry constable;

(c) any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said Officer Commanding, and

(d) any police constable.

EXEMPTIONS

7. Nothing done by a person using the airfield areas in pursuance of Byelaw No. 2 hereof, or by a person acting under the authority of the Officer Commanding the Royal Air Force Station at Burtonwood, or by a person acting in accordance with a permit granted by the said Officer Commanding, shall be deemed to constitute an offence against any of these Byelaws.

INTERPRETATION

8. (1) In these Byelaws the Officer Commanding the Royal Air Force Station at Burtonwood means the Officer for the time being appointed to command the said Royal Air Force Station.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(a) shall apply to the interpretation of these Byelaws as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

COMING INTO OPERATION, CITATION

9. These Byelaws shall come into operation on the fifteenth day of July 1963, and may be cited as the Royal Air Force (Burtonwood) Byelaws 1963.

THE SCHEDULE

LIMITS OF THE AIRFIELD AREAS

The areas of land to which these Byelaws apply are situate in the Parishes of Great Sankey and Burtonwood in the Rural District of Warrington and the Parish of Bold in the Rural District of Whiston, all in the County Palatine of Lancaster. They lie between Warrington, St. Helens and Widnes. Their boundaries, which for convenience of reference are delineated by a broken black line on the plan hereto annexed and identified as “Plan of the Royal Air Force Airfield at Burtonwood”, run as follows (the plotting points being those shown on the said plan):—

(a) 52 and 53 Vict. c. 63
Area No. 1

On the South at 581889 (approximately 30 yards north of the bridge over the Cheshire Lines Railway) on the north side of the railway in a westerly direction for 780 yards to 574887; and thence

On the West from the last mentioned point in a north-westerly direction for 1,040 yards to 571896; thence in a north-easterly direction for 90 yards; thence in a general north-westerly direction for 1,035 yards to 565899; thence in a general southerly direction for 835 yards to 564894; thence in a general westerly direction for 266 yards to 562895 on the east side of Barrow Hall Lane; thence in a general northerly direction for 550 yards to 562899; thence by a curving line in a general north-westerly direction for 1,633 yards to 554908; thence in a northerly direction for 427 yards to 554911; and thence

On the North from the last mentioned point in a general north-easterly direction for 1,365 yards to 565914 the junction of Limekiln Lane and Wright’s Lane; thence in a general southerly direction for 287 yards to 567912; thence in a general north easterly direction for 633 yards to 570915 the junction of Wright’s Lane and Burtonwood Road; and thence

On the East from the last mentioned point in a southerly direction for 1,630 yards on the west side of Burtonwood Road to 573901; thence in a westerly direction for 167 yards; thence in a southerly direction for 310 yards and in a westerly direction for 170 yards to 570898; thence in a south-easterly direction for 500 yards to 573895; thence in an easterly direction for 330 yards to 576896; thence in a general south-easterly direction for 1,160 yards on the west side of Burtonwood Road and along the western boundary of the cottages until the starting point is reached.

Area No. 2

On the North at 572913 (approximately 393 yards south-east of the junction of Burtonwood Road and Tan House Lane) in an easterly direction for 1,450 yards to 585915; and thence

On the East from the last mentioned point generally south for 167 yards; thence in a general south-easterly direction for 433 yards to 587910; thence west for 200 yards to 585911; thence south for 533 yards to 584906; and thence

On the South from the last mentioned point in a general south-westerly direction for 1,333 yards to 573902 on the east side of Burtonwood Road; and thence

On the West from the last mentioned point north for 466 yards on the east side of Burtonwood Road to 573907; thence in an easterly direction for 314 yards to 575907; thence north for 330 yards to 575910; thence in a general westerly direction for 300 yards to 572909 on the east side of Burtonwood Road; thence in a northerly direction for 430 yards along the east side of Burtonwood Road until the starting point is reached.
Area No. 3

On the South at 562893 in a westerly direction from Barrow Hall Bridge along the north side of Whittle Brook for 150 yards to 561893; and thence
On the West from the last mentioned point in a general north-easterly direction for 200 yards to 561894; and thence
On the North from the last mentioned point in an easterly direction for 70 yards to 562894; and thence
On the East from the last mentioned point in a southerly direction for 180 yards on the west side of Barrow Hall Lane until the starting point is reached.

Area No. 4

On the North at 576887 in a general easterly direction for 400 yards to 580887 on the south side of Sycamore Lane; and thence
On the East from the last mentioned point in a southerly direction for 267 yards to 581885; and thence
On the South from the last mentioned point in a westerly direction for 400 yards to 577884; and thence
On the West from the last mentioned point in a northerly direction for 333 yards on the east side of Sycamore Lane until the starting point is reached.

Area No. 5

On the North at 554898 in a general easterly direction for 333 yards to 557897; and thence
On the East from the last mentioned point in a southerly direction for 333 yards to 557894; and thence
On the South from the last mentioned point in a general westerly direction along the north side of Whittle Brook for 300 yards to 554895; and thence
On the West from the last mentioned point in a northerly direction for 333 yards until the starting point is reached.

Dated this 6th day of May 1963.

J. S. ORME

By order of Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Air.

The consent of the County Council of the Administrative County of the County Palatine of Lancaster to the making of these Byelaws, so far as regards the interference with the highway mentioned therein, is hereby signified this 30th day of April 1963. The Common Seal of the County Council of the Administrative County of the County Palatine of Lancaster was hereunto affixed in pursuance of a resolution in that behalf.

THE COMMON SEAL OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY OF THE COUNTY PALATINE OF LANCASTER.

P. D. INMAN
Deputy Clerk of the County Council.
NOTICES

PENALTY FOR OFFENCES

1. By Section 17(2) of the Military Lands Act 1892, 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 FIVE 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.

WHERE COPIES OF BYELAWS CAN BE OBTAINED AND INSPECTED

2. Copies of these Byelaws and of the plan annexed can be obtained at the price of one shilling for each copy from the Under Secretary of State, Air Ministry, S.4a, Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W.1, and can also be inspected without charge at the following places:—

   The Office of the Officer Commanding, Royal Air Force, Burtonwood;
   The Office of the Clerk of the Lancashire County Council, County Hall, Preston;
   The Office of the Clerk of the Whiston Rural District Council, Delph Lane, Whiston, Prescot;
   The Office of the Clerk of the Warrington Rural District Council, Museum Street, Warrington;
   Sankey Police Station, Liverpool Road, Sankey;
   Padgate Police Station, Station Road, Padgate;
   Rainhill Police Station, Warrington Road, Rainhill;
   Widnes Police Station, Victoria Road, Widnes;
   Leigh Police Station, Chapel Street, Leigh.
PLAN OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE AIRFIELD AT BURTONWOOD.

SCALE 3 INCHES TO 1 MILE.