

## Public Consultation Record

The Department received the following communications from members of the public during the Consultation Period between 13<sup>th</sup> December 2012 -1<sup>st</sup> May 2013 in respect of the proposed new byelaws for RAF Croughton.

### Generic Comments and MOD response re RAF Croughton:

	<b>Summarised Comment</b>	<b>MOD Response</b>
1	Request received to provide proof that land belongs to MOD.	Conveyance proof supplied.
2	It was alleged public notices were not displayed.	Notices were displayed, locations & dates provided.
3	Request received to extend consultation period from 35 days to 60 days.	Consultation period extended to 60 days.
4	It was alleged these byelaws would deny members of the public the right to worship at the main gate & peacefully protest safely and in sight of the base (Articles 9,10 and 11 Human Rights Act 1998).	Not accepted by the Department. These human rights would still be permitted.
5	It was alleged that members of the public would be prevented from peacefully walking round the base next to the perimeter fence.	Not accepted by the department.
6	Questions were raised as to why the new byelaws were being introduced, particularly when site already subject to the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (SOCAP).	Byelaws are not currently in place & are now considered necessary. Their introduction is designed to prohibit access to the Protected Area for one or more reasons set out in section 14(1) of the Military Lands Act (MLA) 1892 and to regulate public access to the Controlled Area for one or more of the reasons set out in section 14(2) of the Act. They will also dovetail with the protection already provided by SOCP.
7	It was argued that the land in question was not being used for military purposes within the meaning of Section 23 of the Military Lands Act 1892.	The Department is satisfied that the Secretary of State for Defence has the power to make byelaws over the land in question. The land has been "appropriated for a military purpose".

8	It was alleged that the reasons given for introducing the proposed new byelaws were not open and honest.	This was denied, the reasons given for introducing new byelaws at RAF Croughton being both open and honest.
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