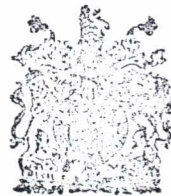


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1. The land affected by these Bye-laws is situated in the Parishes of Winterbourne Dauntsey, Winterbourne Gunner, Idmiston, Boscombe, Allington, Newton Tony and Winterslow in the County of Wilts, and in the Parishes of Over Wallop and Nether Wallop in the County of Hants, and is bounded as follows:—

ON THE NORTH-WEST.—By a line commencing at a point where the Parish Boundary between Winterbourne Gunner and Winterbourne Dauntsey crosses the London & South Western Railway, and continuing along the said Railway for a distance of about 880 yards until the Northern Boundary of Winterbourne Gunner Parish is reached; thence along the said Parish Boundary for a distance of about 330 yards and continuing northwards to a point about 80 yards east of the Railway, on the road leading from Gomeldon to the Andover-Salisbury Road, and continuing along that Road skirting Gomel-dondown Farm Buildings to a point about 360 yards from the aforementioned farm buildings, and thence in a north-easterly and northerly direction to a point on the road leading from Porton to the Andover-Salisbury Road about 260 yards west of Portondown Farm Buildings, and continuing in a westerly direction along that road for about 90 yards, and thence in a northerly direction until a point is reached about 35 yards west of the division between O.S. Plots Nos. 238 and 239, and continuing along the southern boundary of O.S. Plot 238 until it meets the aforementioned Railway; thence along the south-east side of the said Railway to a point about 330 yards north-east of the junction with the Amesbury and Military Camp Light Railway; thence—

ON THE NORTH.—By a line commencing at the last-mentioned point and continuing in a south-easterly direction for about 1,680 yards to Martin's Farm, and thence in a south-south-easterly direction to a point in Martin's Clump about 300 yards from Martin's Farm; thence—

ON THE EAST.—By a line commencing at the last-mentioned point running in a southerly direction to a point about

800 yards due west of Suddern Warren and continuing in a south-easterly direction to the north-east corner of the wood on the east of "Old Lodge" and thence due south along the eastern extremity of that wood, and then in a south-easterly direction to a point on the northern side of the Andover-Salisbury Road opposite to the western end of Jack's Bush Plantation; thence—

ON THE SOUTH-EAST.—By the northern side of the Andover Salisbury Road to a point about 220 yards east of the "Pheasant" Public-House, thence in a north-westerly direction for about 400 yards and turning in a south-westerly direction for about 480 yards to a point on the eastern side of Winterslow Firs about 400 yards north-east of a point on the Andover-Salisbury Road 240 yards west of the "Pheasant" Public-House, and thence in a south-easterly direction to the said point on the aforementioned road, and continuing along the northern side of the road to a point about 60 yards west of the milestone en faced "Salisbury 4 miles, Andover 13 miles"; thence—

ON THE SOUTH-WEST.—By a line commencing at the last-mentioned point running in a north-westerly direction for about 1,100 yards, skirting the northern side of Figsbury Ring and continuing in a north-easterly direction for about 290 yards, thence along the Southern Boundary of Winterbourne Gunner Parish for about 800 yards, and thence in a south-westerly direction for about 45 yards and then running parallel with the said Parish Boundary for 160 yards, and then turning north-eastwards until it again reaches the Boundary 100 yards east of the London & South Western Railway, and continuing along the Parish Boundary to the starting point.

The whole of the above area is enclosed by a fence.

2. During such time as field experiments are taking place from the firing point near Figsbury Ring, Winterbourne Dauntsey, the whole of the area above described, including all highways therein, shall be closed, and no person, animal, vehicle or thing shall enter or remain therein.

3. During such time as field experiments are taking place from the firing point at Battery Hill on Porton Down, the whole of the said area, including all highways therein (except as hereinafter mentioned) shall be closed, and no person, animal, vehicle or thing shall enter or remain therein except that the road from Winterbourne Gunner to Winterslow will be open to the public

unless at any time in the opinion of the Commandant, Experimental Station, Porton, it would be dangerous for the public to proceed along such road.

4. During such time as field experiments are taking place from any other point within the said area, the whole of the said area, including all highways therein (except as hereinafter mentioned), shall be closed, and no person, animal, vehicle or thing shall enter or remain therein except that the road from Winterbourne Gunner to Winterslow and the road from Porton to near the "Pheasant" Inn, or either of them, will be open to the public, unless at any time in the opinion of the Commandant, Experimental Station, Porton, it would be dangerous for the public to proceed along such roads or either of them.

5. When field experiments are not in progress the road from Winterbourne Gunner to Winterslow, and the road from Porton to near the "Pheasant" Inn, shall remain open to the public, provided that such roads shall be closed at any time, if, having regard to the discharge of gas, or to the direction of the wind, it would, in the opinion of the Commandant, Experimental Station, Porton, be dangerous for the public to proceed along such roads.

6.—(a) When field experiments are to take place in accordance with Bye-law (2) above, red flags will be hoisted at Figsbury Ring and at Battery Hill on Porton Down, and a sentry will be posted and red flags hoisted at each end of both of the roads mentioned in Bye-law (4) above.

(b) When field experiments are to take place in accordance with Bye-law (3) above, a red flag will be hoisted at Battery Hill and a sentry will also be posted at each end of the road from Porton to near the "Pheasant" Inn. In the event of it being, in the opinion of the Commandant, Experimental Station, Porton, dangerous for the public to proceed along the road from Winterbourne Gunner to Winterslow as contemplated in Bye-law (3) above, a red flag will, in addition, be hoisted at Figsbury Ring, and a sentry posted at each end of the last-mentioned road.

(c) When field experiments are to take place in accordance with Bye-law (4) above, and when, in the opinion of the Commandant, Experimental Station, Porton, it would be dangerous for the public to proceed along either or both of the roads mentioned in Bye-law (4), red flags will be hoisted and sentries posted in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b) above, as the case may be.

(d) When, in the opinion of the Commandant, Experimental Station, Porton, it is necessary to close either or both the roads from Winterbourne Ganner to Winterslow, or from Porton to near the "Pheasant" Inn, for the reasons stated in Bye-law (5), red flags will be hoisted in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b) above, as the case may be. Special notice boards will also be erected at or in the neighbourhood of the ends of either or both the roads mentioned above, as the case may be, to the effect that the road is temporarily closed. The notice boards will be taken down when it is safe for such road or roads to be re-opened.

(e) In addition to the red flags before mentioned, red flags will be hoisted on Easton Down, Tower Hill, and Allington Down Barn during any of the field experiments above referred to, and when under Bye-law (5) above the roads or either of them are closed to the public.

7. Except in case of urgent necessity the Commandant, shall give not less than 12 hours' notice of his intention to close either or both of the roads mentioned in the foregoing Bye-laws, and he shall give the public due notice in such manner as the Councils concerned shall reasonably request.

8. It shall be an offence under these Bye-laws for any person, without reasonable excuse, or any animal, vehicle or thing to enter or be within or upon any part of the said area or upon either or both of the roads referred to in Bye-law (6) while the red flags are hoisted and (as the case may be) sentries posted or notice boards erected in accordance with the provisions of Bye-law (6).

9. The following persons, viz. :—

- (1) The Commandant, Experimental Station, Porton,
- (2) Any Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer, and any Military Policeman for the time being under the command of the said Commandant,
- (3) Any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said Commandant, or
- (4) Any constable,

shall have power and are hereby authorised :—

To remove from the said area and/or the said roads any person, animal, vehicle or thing, and to take into custody without warrant and bring before a Court of Summary

Jurisdiction as provided in the Military Lands Acts, 1892-1903, to be dealt with according to law, any person found thereon in contravention of Bye-law (8).

10. Any person contravening Bye-law (8) shall be deemed to commit an offence against the same, and is, under the said Acts, liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding £5.

11. A plan showing the boundaries of the said area, the roads affected and the positions of the danger flags can be inspected at the Office of the Commandant, Porton Experimental Station, at the local Police Stations and Post Offices, and at the Offices of Salisbury Rural District Council and Amesbury Rural District Council respectively.

12. These Bye-laws shall come into force on the Twenty-fifth day of May, 1923.

Dated this Fifteenth day of May One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

(Signed) DERBY,

*His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State
for the War Department.*

The Salisbury Rural District Council hereby signify their consent to the foregoing Bye-laws.

(Signed) E. G. WARREN, *Chairman.*

(Signed) WM. H. JACKSON, *Clerk.*

The Amesbury Rural District Council hereby signify their consent to the foregoing Bye-laws.

(Signed) F. M. WHITE, *Chairman.*

(Signed) A. M. WILSON, *Clerk.*