



Purfleet and Rainham Ranges

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 ranges.

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The Purfleet and Rainham Ranges Byelaws 1964

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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 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 the Purfleet and Rainham Ranges at Purfleet and Rainham in the County of Essex the limits of which are set out in the Schedule hereto and are, for convenience of reference, marked with a thick black line on the plan hereto annexed and identified as "Plan of the Purfleet and Rainham Ranges".

USE OF DANGER AREA

2. The Danger Area may be used for the firing of machine guns, rifles, revolvers and grenades 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 1000 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 hoisted at the following places:—

(a) 55 & 56 Vict. c.43.

(b) 1964. c.15.

- (a) near the river wall approximately 80 yards west-south-west of the southern extremity of the Stop Butt at Purfleet Range No. 1;
- (b) at a place approximately 100 yards north by west of the northern extremity of the Stop Butt at Purfleet Range No. 5, approximately 150 yards south-west of the railway line;
- (c) adjacent to Purfleet Range Workshops;
- (d) 30 yards south-west of Rainham S.A. Store;
- (e) to the west of the 600 yards firing point of Rainham Range No. 5, 30 yards south-east of Ministry of Defence Boundary Stone No. 36;
- (f) 40 yards north-east of the north-eastern extremity of the Stop Butt at Rainham Range No. 1;
- (g) at a place 20 yards east of the track which runs generally from the north-east to the south-west between Purfleet and Rainham Ranges, 720 yards north-north-east of Ministry of Defence Boundary Stone No. 41.

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, Eastern Command;
- (b) the Officer in charge of the Purfleet and Rainham Ranges;
- (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 Purfleet and Rainham Ranges;
- (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 Purfleet and Rainham Ranges; and
- (e) any member of a police force or 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, Eastern Command or the Officer in charge of the Purfleet and Rainham Ranges 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. (1) These Byelaws shall come into operation on the 14th day of February 1965, and may be cited as the Purfleet and Rainham Ranges Byelaws 1964.
- (2) The Byelaws in respect of Purfleet Rifle Range dated the 14th day of July 1926(b) are hereby revoked.

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c.63.

(b) S.R. & O. 1926/1370.

THE SCHEDULE

The limits of the Danger Area are as follows:—

On the North-East

Commencing on the south-east side of Ferry Lane, Rainham, at the Main Entrance to the Ranges (160 yards south-west of Ferry Lane railway crossing); thence in a SOUTH-EASTERLY direction for a distance of 1325 yards to meet the boundary fence dividing the British Railways land from that of the Ministry of Defence, thence continuing in a SOUTH-EASTERLY direction, for a distance of 3025 yards, following the said fence, to Ministry of Defence Boundary Stone No. 20; thence

On the South-East

From the last mentioned point in a SOUTH-WESTERLY direction along the north-west side of a tree lined pathway, for a distance of 400 yards to a point where the said pathway meets a ditch running generally from north to south, thence due SOUTH for a distance of 200 yards along the said ditch to meet the river wall, thence following the said wall in a direction generally SOUTH-SOUTH-WEST for a distance of 240 yards to where the said wall bears west-north-west; thence

On the South-West

From the last mentioned point in a direction generally WEST-NORTH-WEST for a distance of 1130 yards to an inlet from the River Thames, 160 yards south-west of the southernmost end of the Stop Butt at Purfleet Range No. 1, thence following the Ministry of Defence boundary in a direction NORTH-NORTH-WEST along a ditch being a continuance from the said inlet, for a distance of 100 yards to Ministry of Defence Boundary Stone No. 45, thence WEST-NORTH-WEST for a distance of 90 yards along the Ministry of Defence boundary to Ministry of Defence Boundary Stone No. 44, thence following a ditch almost due SOUTH for a distance of 60 yards, bearing WEST-NORTH-WEST for a distance of 200 yards to a point on a ditch 110 yards south of Ministry of Defence Boundary Stone No. 42, thence following the said ditch in a direction NORTH BY EAST to the said Stone No. 42, thence bearing WEST-NORTH-WEST along the Ministry of Defence Boundary fence for a distance of 1650 yards to the path bridge over a ditch 540 yards west-north-west of Ministry of Defence Boundary Stone No. 41, thence NORTH-NORTH-EAST for a distance of 100 yards, thence bearing NORTH-WEST for a distance of 1500 yards to a point on the south-east side of Ferry Lane, 30 yards north-west of Ministry of Defence Boundary Stone No. 36; thence

On the North-West

From the last mentioned point along the south-east side of Ferry Lane omitting the Romford R.D.C. Sewage Pumping Station to the point of commencement.

Dated this 5th day of November 1964.

(Sgd.) V. BOVENIZER
By order of the Secretary of
State for Defence

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.

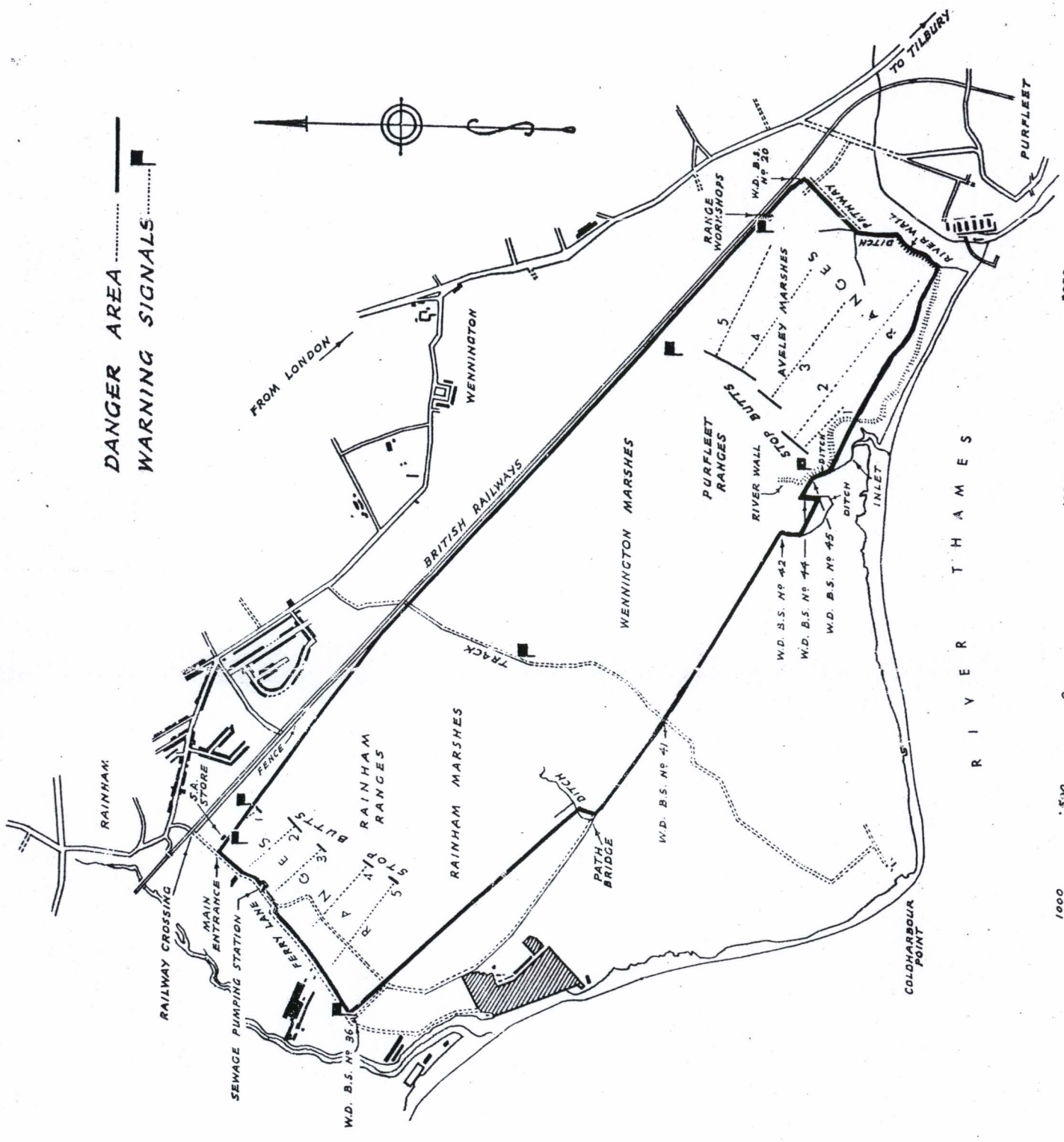
INSPECTION OF BYELAWS AND PLAN

2. A copy of these Byelaws and a plan showing the Danger Area may be inspected at the Police Stations at Purfleet, Rainham, Grays and South Ockendon. They may also be inspected at the Office of the Area Land Agent (Army), Horse Guards, Whitehall, London, S.W.1, where copies of the Byelaws may be obtained at the price of one shilling 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 Purfleet and Rainham Ranges or to the Area Land Agent (Army), Horse Guards, Whitehall, London, S.W.1 or to the police at the first opportunity.

DANGER AREA
WARNING SIGNALS



SCALE OF YARDS