

HEYFORD PARK

APPENDIX 6 LANDSCAPE AND ECOLOGICAL BASE MANAGEMENT REGIME

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The management regime, required to implement the Management Objectives set out in Section 2, is described below. The works include initial operations, annual maintenance tasks during the establishment period (Years 2-5), and subsequent infrequent operations such as coppicing on a 7 or 10 year cycle. Each objective is considered in turn.
- 1.2 For site operations, a health and safety method statement will be agreed regarding the making safe of any site feature which is a potential danger to site users, and regarding the use of machinery and chemicals which are to be used.

2.0 THE COLD WAR CORE AREA

2.1 QRAA:

Task	Initial Operation	Annual Works	Periodic Operations
1. Confirm agreement with local farmer to maintain the grass sward by sheep grazing (or as agreed).	Y	Y	
2. Remove bramble scrub and self-sown trees where these have established by digging out and/or treatment with Timbrel.	Y	Y	
3. Remove any dumped or stored materials or artefact which do not relate to Cold War era.	Y		
4. Check integrity of doubt fenceline and make good if damaged.	Y		

2.2 The wider cold war core area:-

Task	Initial Operation	Annual Works	Periodic Operations
1. Confirm agreement with local farmer to maintain the grass sward by sheep grazing.	Y	Y	
2. Maintain the external fence by inspection and repair work where required.	Y	Y	
3. Remove bramble scrub and self-sown trees by digging out and/or treatment with Timbrel to preserve openness of former airfield.	Y	Y	
4. Erect and maintain new 1.5 metre security fence as shown on Appendix 7 of Base management Plan..	Y	Y	

2.3 Western nib of main runway to west of Portway:

Task	Initial Operation	Annual Works	Periodic Operations
1. Take up tarmac/concrete runway area and the extension spine road to the west, and grade/infill excavated area with soil from adjoining areas to eliminate sharp changes of level. Bare soil areas to be sown with grass seed mix appropriate for shallow soils over limestone	Y		
2. Remove chainlink security fence with coiled wire and concrete posts on the northern, western and southern sides of the nib projection.	Y		
3. Erect a stock proof woven wire fence 1.0m high with 8No. horizontal wires and timber posts to BS1722 Part 2, along the line of the dismantled security fence.	Y		
4. Plant a new native hedge, mainly Hawthorn, inside the post and wire fence listed in 4) above. Install mulch mat and rabbit protection. Provide 2No. pedestrian gates on line of Portway. Trim annually to promote dense growth. Lay hedge after 7 years.	Y	Y	Y
6. Erect and maintain a new security 1.5m fence across the western end of the main runway, linking with the existing security fence to the north and south.	Y	Y	
7. Confirm agreement with local farmer to maintain the grass sward by grazing sheep; newly sown areas to be excluded from grazed area using portable electric fencing.	Y	Y	

2.4 New and existing tree planting on edge of airfield:

Task	Initial Operation	Annual Works	Periodic Operations
1. Inspect existing areas of trees and fell non-native and non-local species, eg. Pines, Lawson Cypress and Leyland Cypress. Stack cut wood on site.	Y	Y	
2. Plant new trees and shrubs with rabbit protection using native species local to the area. Plant to achieve an open structure, ie. Intermittent rather than continuous cover.	Y	Y	
3. Maintain young trees and shrubs, keeping ground free of vegetation using non-residual herbicide.	Y	Y	Y

3.0 MEASURES TO PROMOTE RECREATION AND EDUCATION

3.1 Reconnect Aves Ditch Footpath:

Task	Initial Operation	Annual Works	Periodic Operations
1. Erect timber post and woven wire stock proof fence with 8No. horizontal wires to BS1722 Part 2, to prevent access onto County Wildlife Site by walkers and dogs.	Y		
2. Incorporate 2No. timber gates into the fenced corridor to create crossing points for livestock, one on each side of the main runway.	Y		
3. Provide openings in existing security fence at northern and southern edge of former airfield and provide pedestrian gates.	Y		
4. Confirm agreement with local farmer to maintain grass sward by grazing sheep; include for periodic grazing within the fenced footpath corridor.		Y	Y
5. Erect and maintain new security fence as shown on Plan N.011_17-1d.	Y	Y	

3.2 Reconnect Portway Footpath:

Task	Initial Operation	Annual Works	Periodic Operations
1. Contact highways authority clear vegetation from sections of public footpath to north and south of former airfield section to allow use by the public.	Y		
2. Erect and maintain new security fence as shown on Plan No.111_17-1d.	Y	Y	

3.3 Manage areas around the SAMs and Listed Buildings to conserve and promote their historic interest:

Task	Initial Operation	Annual Works	Periodic Operations
1. Confirm agreement local farmer to maintain the grass sward within the Northern Bomb Stores by grazing sheep	Y	Y	
2. Clear rubbish and tidy.	Y	Y	Y