

## HERITAGE INTERPRETATION BOARDS

### **1. Introduction**

Details of the 'Upper Heyford Trail' are set out within the Heritage Centre Management Plan, as well as Action PA2 of the Flying Field Management Plan.

This requires the provision of 8 Interpretation Boards and 2 new vantage points along a circular walk around the perimeter of the Flying Field and along Camp Road with the Interpretation Boards highlighting relevant points of interest.

Condition 31 of the 'Lead Appeal' Planning Permission requires details of the Interpretation Boards to be submitted to the Local Planning Authority.

### **2. Information Strategy**

At present the site management office in Building 52, located by the entrance to the former airbase, contains a series of illustrated boards giving the history of the RAF and USAF use of Upper Heyford. An equivalent series of boards (if fewer in number) will be placed outside the Heritage Centre to provide a permanent point of access to information about the history of the site.

In accordance with the requirements of Action PA2, further boards will be placed at key locations around the perimeter of the Flying Field along the route of the 'Upper Heyford Trail'.

This note is concerned solely with the eight information boards as required by Condition 31.

### **3. Interpretation Boards**

#### Design

The Interpretation Boards will be A0 in size (1189 x 841mm), on oak-mounted lecterns with the display material protected behind Perspex. Details of the proposed design and construction are shown on plan ref. D.0291\_19-1D..

Light UV resistant colours and materials will be used for printing so as to prolong the life of the Interpretation Boards.

#### Location

The Interpretation Boards are to be located in eight strategic locations, including at the two vantage points, along the proposed 'Upper Heyford Trail'.

The general locations of the Interpretation Boards are indicated on plan ref. D.0291\_19-1D, which is supplemented by the inset plans showing the exact locations of each of the boards.

The proposed location of the Interpretations Boards are as follows:

- Board One: The Battle Command Centre (Building 126) and Hardened Telephone Exchange (Building 129)
- Board Two: Avionics Bunker (Building 299)
- Board Three: Hardened Aircraft Shelters
- Board Four: Western Vantage Point
- Board Five: The Quick Response Area
- Board Six: Northern Bomb Stores
- Board Seven: Eastern Vantage Point
- Board Eight: Southern Bomb Stores

Although Board One is to be located outside the Flying Field, its location is important within the overall heritage strategy.

#### Information

The Boards will contain an outline of the historical background to the site as a whole and explain the origins, development and use of the structures which can be viewed in the particular location. They will include illustrations, such as maps and structural diagrams and historic photographs or reconstruction views.

#### **4. Location of Vantage Points**

The location of the two vantage points are shown on the approved Landscape Masterplan ref. L10B. These are to be located at the Eastern and Western ends of the main runway.

These locations will allow the openness of the Flying Field to be appreciated in the context of the main runway, whilst viewing a range of Cold War structures and the operational functions of the buildings and spaces can be explained.

#### **5. Maintenance, Funding and Operation**

The Interpretation Boards will be provided and maintained by the Flying Field Management Company, in partnership with the operators of the Heritage Centre.