

[REDACTED]

As discussed the e-trail concerning COVID-19 and the lockdown at Ash. Be grateful if you could confirm receipt?

Best regards

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Sent: 14 August 2020 18:02

To: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Ash Ranges

From: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Sent: 01 April 2020 12:38

To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Ash Ranges

[REDACTED]

Same rule as we have done for years, flags up, no entry irrespective of what they think they heard or were told

[REDACTED]

They are aware that this could all change at short notice depending on how this situation develops?

Regards

[REDACTED]

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Ash RSO's: ASH RSO's

JSP 907: JSP 907

BAMS: BAMS

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 01 April 2020 12:21

To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Ash Ranges

Thanks, [REDACTED].

72hr rule...!

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 01 April 2020 12:19

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Ash Ranges

[REDACTED]

We are living firing today, forgot there were 31 days in March, staff have been briefed, signs have been laminated and will be erected once the units leave and the gates will remain locked after the flags come down.

The signs will direct them to the gates that are being secured in the open position.

Unsure where this has come from as I only told the TL last night and the staff this morning at 1030

Regards

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 01 April 2020 11:05

To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Ash Ranges

Hi [REDACTED],

I'm sure there is no firing so they are probably confused – can you confirm?

Regards

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 01 April 2020 10:46

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Ash Ranges

[REDACTED]

Good morning, there appears to be a slightly different take on thing circulating via social media at the moment, with one person quoting a source at Landmarc.

The flags are up this morning with firing underway, and evidently someone on social media has been told that this may happen in the future due to the 72 hour rule!!!.

I do not think that this is "Chinese whispers" as the poster is one who posts every day with flag up/flag down details.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 31 March 2020 16:02

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Ash Ranges

[REDACTED]

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 31 March 2020 15:57

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Ash Ranges

[REDACTED]

Just been advised that the foot gates at Henley Park and Stoney Castle will in fact be left open as they can be accessed from inside the RDA in any event.

Regards

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 31 March 2020 15:38

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Ash Ranges

[REDACTED],
For your info the link on our website is <https://www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk/ash-ranges-update-2/>

I assume that the hatched area is the area to be locked down, will there also be lockdowns at Stoney
Castle and Henley Park?

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 31 March 2020 15:18

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Ash Ranges

[REDACTED],
Great – that's fine. I think it's always good as far as possible to give folk the bigger picture so they
feel informed. We will keep in touch.

Many thanks,

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 31 March 2020 15:11

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Ash Ranges

[REDACTED],

Thank you very much for the brief, I will put it on our web site basically as you have written it, stating that it is a statement from the Training Safety Officer without actually mentioning your name.

Please do keep us advised many thanks again.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 31 March 2020 14:48

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Ash Ranges

[REDACTED],

I have just received confirmation that as we discussed Ash ranges will be closed from 01 April so I suggest the statement should read;

COVID-19 – ASH RANGES UPDATE.

Ash Parish Council have been briefed by the MOD that the Ash Range complex will undergo lockdown from 01 April until further notice. This due to a large number of military units having cancelled due to personnel being re-tasked in support of OP RESCRIPT, the MOD's response to COVID-19, also all recruit training has ceased. Of course the UK will continue to support ongoing deployments world-wide, this including Afghanistan and Mali, as well as the Police. The requirement to support this will be met by the Pirbright Range complex which will remain open throughout.

Ash range staff will of course continue to man the range during this period for ongoing maintenance and to ensure the ranges can be brought back online rapidly once COVID-19 restrictions are lifted and normal duties resume. This will also ensure that in the event of an unforeseen military requirement the ranges are immediately available for use. The MOD have been advised that COVID-19 can remain on hardened surfaces for up to 72 hours and for this reason the range complex itself will be out of bounds to all non-essential personal during this period, this including members of the public as well as troops.

It is emphasised that these restrictions will only apply to the range complex itself, not the much larger Range Danger Area or RDA. As there will be no live firing at Ash during this time, the RDA will remain open to the public throughout. Flags will be down and the gates will be locked open to avoid

people coming into unnecessary contact with a hardened surface. The MOD have undertaken to maintain contact with the Parish Council throughout and a schematic showing the extent of the locked down area is attached.

Please feel free to tweak as you think best, but I would be grateful for eyes on of final copy before you got to press?

Best wishes

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 31 March 2020 12:01

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Ash Ranges

[REDACTED],

Do you have any details re an e-mail/map yet please. I totally understand that you are probably up to your eyes in it all but with the lockdown starting tomorrow it would be good to get the information out there.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 27 March 2020 12:47

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Meeting

Hi [REDACTED],

Just tried to call you at the office but I guess like me you are working remotely. I wanted to give you a heads up ref COVID-19 and how it will impact the ranges at Ash, would it be possible for you to give me a call?

Hope all is well with you and yours.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 16 March 2020 08:58

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Meeting

Importance: High

[REDACTED]
Sorry for the delay in replying but could we please do Tuesday 17th at 11:00.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 12 March 2020 14:37

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Meeting

Hi [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was due to be in Belfast next week and we have been maxed out doing contingency planning for COVID-19, however as a result of the later the meeting has now been cancelled so he has asked me to suggest either Tuesday 17 or Wednesday 18 at either 11.00 or 14.00 both dates if either would work for you?

Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 09 March 2020 13:07

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Meeting

[REDACTED]

Do you have any news re a meeting yet please.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sent: 21 July 2020 14:34

To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Ash Ranges Access Options

Team

Thank you again for my visit a couple of weeks ago to Ash Ranges and for pulling these options together for me to have a look at. The issue is now taking up a lot of everyone's time and energy and I am keen to seek a resolution. This is how I currently see the issue:

- SE closed off public access to the Range Technical Area (RTA) at the time that COVID-19 hit and initially had closed signs on the area stating that COVID-19 was part of the issue (which were then removed).
- RTA closed for a variety of reasons (public safety, damage to estate, dog fouling, proximity to urban sprawl (therefore constant access/incursions) etc.) – these are highlighted in submissions to Ministers. We need to ensure that we have these clear arguments documented, with photographic evidence, as necessary. [Action: UK Trg Estate]

- Closure of RTA not communicated as efficiently as we would have liked with local populace/MPs etc. resulting in a bow wave of correspondence.
- COA 1 and 2 below look like good mitigation for us closing access to RTA, in terms of allowing the public a safe place to walk dogs, ride bikes etc. and once works complete then most parts seem suitable for public, including disabled access.
- Some users will still not be content, as they saw access to RTA as a right and will no doubt continue to push back.

So what?

- COA 1 is already funded by CSF and is being delivered this year – a good news story.
- COA 2 (cost £22,500) is yet to be allocated funding. TIC will need to take a view. [Action: TIC]
- Next steps seem likely to be in the communications/influence space, both with local populace (incl council etc.), press and MPs in order to sell the next steps as a ‘we have listened to you and this is what we are doing about it’ space....but grateful for expert advice.

o [REDACTED] – do you agree, and if so, how should we be taking those next steps forward. [REDACTED]

- We need to carry out some LFE from this experience, so that we can learn lessons [Action:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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