

ANNEX U: AERODROME USERS – VEHICLE AND PEDESTRIAN CONTROL

1. References:

A. RA3262 - Aerodrome Access

2. Applicability

This order is applicable to all personnel required to drive on or near the aerodrome at RAF Halton.

3. Aim

The aim of this order is to ensure that all drivers are aware of the correct procedures for driving on or near the airfield in line with the regulations for Aerodrome Access in Ref A.

4. Aircraft Operating Area (Airside) Hazard – The hazardous area at RAF Halton has been enclosed and termed 'Airside' on the RAF Halton Hazard Log. An aircraft coming into contact with a vehicle is a potential risk to life. Drivers are not permitted on the manoeuvring area unless the driver is in possession of an Airfield Driving Permit (ADP) issued by the Airfield Manager (AFM). Unescorted pedestrians are not permitted airside unless they are flying club members or have Ops Flt permission to be there. The manoeuvring area/out of bounds area is shown in pink below.

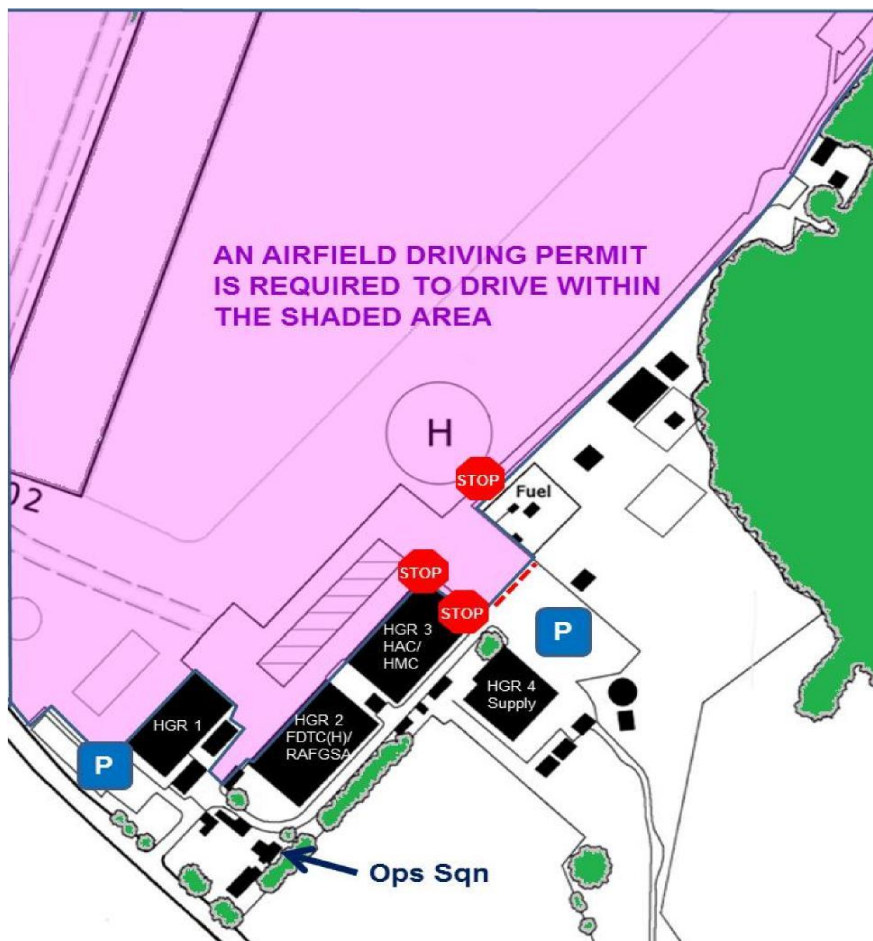


Figure 1.

5. Parking at the Airfield – The car park outside the barrier can be used by anyone visiting the airfield. A car pass does not need to be displayed.

6. Pedestrians – Pedestrians visiting the airfield should display valid ID at all times. The pedestrian route to Clothing Stores is to follow the road. Pedestrians are not to pass through the white 5-bar gate across the front of the hangars unless they are flying club members, supply personnel or have permission from Ops Flt.

7. Vehicles Requiring Access to Clothing Stores – Parking near Clothing Stores does not require going 'Airside', but many car insurers will consider a vehicle to be on an airfield in this area, and drivers are advised that private vehicle insurance is unlikely to be valid in this area. A Halton Car Pass should be displayed while parked.

8. Vehicles Requiring Access to the Airfield - All drivers of vehicles that do not routinely operate at the Airfield requiring Airside access when the airfield is active shall report without exception to Ops Flt (Bldg 281) to book in and out.

9. Issue of an Airfield Driving Permit – Drivers must be authorised to drive Airside and will be identified on an Airfield Driving Permit (ADP) issued and recorded by Ops Flt iaw Ref A. An ADP test must be pre-booked with the Airfield Manager on 0777 152 2083. A full ADP will be issued to drivers of private, service, sponsored or contractor's vehicles following full comprehension of the regulations as briefed by Ops Flt and with assured vehicle indemnity. The ADP is valid for 12 months and it is the responsibility of the individual to get the ADP revalidated by Ops Flt.

10. Aircraft Operating Area (Airside) Access – Normal access is via Aviation Avenue through the barrier between Bldgs 287 & 275 (Hangar 3 & 4). Alternate access known as the 'Blue Route' is provided for large vehicles and Civilian Emergency Services through a wooden gate between Bldgs 267D and 290. Drivers should not bring vehicles onto the Aircraft Operating Area (Airside) by any other route or without a valid ADP. All road signs must be obeyed, and the marked routes followed across aprons. Painted signs at RAF Halton Airfield are Road Traffic Act compliant and mandatory.

11. Control of Vehicular Traffic during Active Aircraft Operations - Drivers proceeding airside are also to note:

- a) The Airside speed limit is 15 MPH.
- b) When snow is falling or has settled on the airfield the Airside barriers will be closed and all non-essential movement will cease.

12. Airfield Signs and Signals - Vermin, Birds and Deer hazards Airside are managed by lethal controls and when activated will be denoted by a warning notice at the Airfield electronic entrance barrier and a red triangular pennant flying at the Rosemead Bridge or red light on the signal square flagpole at night. Troops exercising at the Rosemead Exercise Area, CQB Range and Sewage Plant will be denoted by a red flag at the Rosemead Bridge.

13. Controls of Vehicular Traffic by Night – Vehicle lights are to be fully serviceable. Whilst in motion, lights should be switched on in the 'dipped beam' mode. Sidelights may be used when the vehicle is stationary on the airfield. Vehicles towing aircraft are to display the correct illuminated red triangle sign on the front of the vehicle. A spotlight at the rear of the vehicle should be used to illuminate the aircraft wing on the offside of the vehicle. All personnel shall wear high visibility clothing in accordance with the AOB at HAL 4993.

14. Crossing the Runway-in-Use (Active) – There is no crossing control system at RAF Halton and the ground rises in the centre of the airfield obscuring each end of the runway from the other. Therefore, drivers must be escorted by Ops Flt Staff who will carry radios. Each must proceed with a good lookout and caution to ensure the active runway is vacated as soon as possible.

15. Foreign Object Debris – Everyone shares the responsibility to prevent injury or damage from Foreign Object Debris (FOD) and all FOD discovered should be removed from the Aircraft Operating Area (Airside) to safeguard aircraft serviceability. If a piece of FOD is too large to remove, then call Ops Flt 07771522083 who will be able to assist. The Station Flight Safety Officer (Bldg 281) must be informed of FOD as soon as practicable and any FOD suspected as having come from an aircraft must be reported immediately 07771522083.

16. Breaches of Regulation – Due to the potential lethal consequences of a breach of these driving regulations, any offender will have their ADP suspended until re-briefed. The Line-Manager of an offender will be informed via Ops Flt and persistent offenders will have their ADP permanently revoked.

17. Orders for Pedestrians, Dog Walkers, Cyclists and Runners – Hazards to personnel and risks to life mean that casual entry to Airside is prohibited for cyclists, runners, dog walkers etc.