

INFORMATION

Kenley Airfield Pedestrian Barriers

1. The MoD has been instructed by the Health & Safety Executive that they must install robust barriers to separate the public from its gliding operations.
2. This installation has to be made irrespective of the success or otherwise of the current planning application for a permanent post and rail fence set into the perimeter track 3m from its outer edge.
3. The barriers are set at the six launch/landing points that are used. If this point is adjacent to a runway approach (concrete or grass) the barrier is extended to enclose it.
4. When flying is taking place only one launch and one landing point will be in use and it will be apparent which they are as the ends will be closed off to the inner grass area, creating a safe path on the outside only. The MoD has conceded that it is not necessary for the public to be restricted to the outer edge at the points not in use so you can pass either side of the barriers. However at these times all the grass and runways inside the perimeter track is out of bounds.
5. During times when flying is not taking place by either the Air Cadets or Surrey Hills Gliding Club the public is now permitted to enter the inner area as you please.
6. This arrangement is a trial and is resourced from property owned by the MoD. If the trial is successful *i.e. it prevents those who wilfully expose themselves, their families, the pilots and associated flying staff to danger by entering the winch or landing areas, from doing so* the arrangement may be made permanent. Failure of this trial may lead to the imposition of more strident measures, however if it works it may also be possible by negotiation to reduce the extent of the coverage - so your co-operation is highly desirable.