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CATEGORY FOR RETENTION
("Routine or Permanent")

Signed

Rank

Branch

Date

E.1. Ancient Monuments & Historic Buildings on
mod Property

Secretary.

SAG,

As far as I can see, we are not likely
to be affected by the rules on Ancient
Monuments and Historic Monuments at ZIC.
We are, however, concerned with the proposals
regarding the listing of Buildings of
Architectural or Historic Interest at ZIB. In
this latter connection, the concern expressed
by Defence lands in para 4 seems well
founded and worthy of our support.

Please send a draft early in consultation
as appropriate with Dep. Supt. R.



19.7.77.

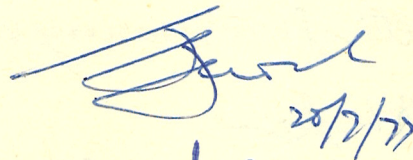
~~The Hon. Lacey~~

Before seeking D Supt R's views you
will wish to see and may want to comment.

E2

① Dep. Supt ^{R.F.} E

② ~~SAG~~


20/7/77

There are a number
of related papers on file
WAA/99/039 ("Conservation")
including initial arrangements
for a visit to ERDE by the
Inspectors of Ancient Monuments.

I have enclosed as E2 a
note I prepared for WAA/99/039
in July 1976 with some
manuscript additions.

lnhcl^{5/8}

~~SAG~~

I agree that it is essential to have some mechanism whereby MOD establishments can comment on and possibly object to proposals to "list" buildings.

For instance with reference to our rationalization plans, PERME would undoubtedly wish to comment if all the 19th century buildings on North Site were put up for listing by any local conservation group.

The effect of such a listing would be to render the post-rationalization North Site virtually unsaleable.

R. Fisher
8/8/77

E3

Letter 17. Aug 77

Ref. D/ER2/7/8.

~~Secret only~~

You may wish to see this file in association with the current action on file WAC/4/028 "Buildings of special architectural or historic interest within ERDE" which is now with you.

Mr. Fisher 23/12/81

E4 Letter from Treasury Valuer d/d 15.12.81.

~~Mr. McLagan~~

~~Mr R Fisher~~ R7 - E4

Mr Denton,

Please deal with E4.

R. Fisher
23/12/81

John.

Will you let me
have a list of building
referred to at E4.

Alan 7/2/82.



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*Please reply to
The Treasury Valuer
Your reference*

Our reference

21-7-11 ADB

Date 15 December 1981

Dear Sir

CONTRIBUTIONS IN LIEU OF RATES

When I visited your Establishment on 20 July 1981 and met Mr. Bird I was informed that a number of buildings on the North Site had been listed as of Historic and Architectural interest, and that the numbers of the buildings so listed would be supplied together with a list of vacant buildings.

I would be glad to receive those lists as soon as possible so that I may consider the question of contributions in lieu of rates.

Yours faithfully

A D BISSET
for the Treasury Valuer

ERIDE

HISTORICAL BUILDINGS AND ANCIENT MONUMENTS

The oldest buildings on the site are:

- (i) A200 - Walton House, built as an office block in 1789. As it was built after the Crown acquired the property it has nothing to do with John Walton, the last private owner, except that his sundial stands nearby.
- (ii) A201 - an old gunpowder mixing house.
- (iii) A202 - an old saltpetre/sulphur mill.

A201 and A202, which lie opposite Walton House as part of the library, are known to have been built before 1821 but buildings of similar description appear on the 1801 and 1783 maps so they may date from even earlier than this.

From the industrial archeology aspect the most important buildings, or what remains of them, are the old gunpowder press house, traverse, and pump house with its water wheel (numbered 103 and 104 under the old system) which lie opposite the North Site burning ground. Even what remains may well be the sole surviving example in this country.

Other gunpowder process buildings on the site have been soconverted, or even re-converted, to decrease their importance historically, although as a group of gunpowder process buildings they are unique. Examples of these are the gunpowder incorporating mills built in the 1860s which later became part of the cordite factory and now form the N Site laboratories L145, L148, L149, L153 and L157.

9 Powdermill Lane has been included in the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 list of buildings of special architectural or historic interest.

Other items of historical interest are:

- (a) John Walton's sundial (earlier than 1787),
- (b) Its edge-runner mill stone pedestal,
- (c) A stone powder mill bed just inside the main entrance,
- (d) A powder boat, and
- (e) An explosives truck.

Additional items August 1977

- (f) Road bridge 1832 (Library - Canteen)*
- (g) Old barge Tock to the west of the Temperature Recorder's Tower*
- (h) Traverses (2) along Lower Island Way.*
- (i) Water tower for old NG plant on South Site*

July 1976

Your Ref: D/ER2/7/8

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ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND HISTORIC BUILDINGS
ON MOD PROPERTY

Please refer to your minute of 11 July and the attached enclosures on this subject.

Insofar as the draft on Ancient Monuments and Historic Buildings on MOD Property is concerned we have no criticism of the policy proposals.

We do, however, have serious reservations concerning the Listing of Buildings of Architectural or Historic Interest in respect of delegated surveys and agree with Defence Lands 1a that such listing is unacceptable to MOD unless provision is made for MOD objections to be lodged before listing.

As an example of the unacceptability of the present proposal it would be conceivable - if all the 19th century buildings on our North Site were listed by a local conservation group - to jeopardise seriously the proposed sale of the North Site when our transfer to South Site is completed under rationalisation.


S G LOCK
Senior Administrative Officer
PERME
Waltham Abbey

17 August 1977

Reference D/ER2/7/8

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Secretary, CDE
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PERME (Westcott)
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ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND HISTORIC BUILDINGS
ON MOD PROPERTY

Ref A: Draft by MOD Conservation Officer on
Ancient Monuments and Historic Buildings
on MOD Property.

Ref B: D/Lands/30/24 dated 4 July - "Listing of
Buildings of Architectural or Historic Interest".

Could I please have comments on the above two separate
but inter-related references by no later than
12 August 1977.

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publication which would cover all aspects of MOD estate
policy, at present contained within a plethora of DCIs.
It is probable that matters relating to Ancient monuments/
Historic buildings will eventually be included in such a
publication.

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7 July 1977

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ER Central 1a	AT2
MOD Conservation Officer	VT&CF

Reference B in E: Land 1A

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LISTING OF BUILDINGS OF ARCHITECTURAL OR HISTORIC INTEREST

1. The Crown has special status under the arrangements whereby buildings can be listed as being of architectural or historic interest. As specified in AWC 56/74 there is an "early warning" system whereby proposals to list a building are sent to (in our instance) MOD for comments which are considered prior to the final decision on listing or not. This system applies only where areas are surveyed; ie, not for individual listings.
2. The Urban Conservation and Historic Buildings Division (UCHB) have a shortage of inspecting staff and are delegating survey work to Local Authorities and Local Amenity/Preservation Groups (as is allowed for under the Town and Country Planning Act (1971)).
3. Although early warning will still be given for proposals resulting from UCHB surveys of areas, there will be no such early warning system for delegated surveys so there will be no room for MOD objections to be lodged.
4. Implications of the delegated surveying are:-
 - a. the numbers of listings will rise as there will be no room for objections, and local bodies may want to list more buildings than UCHB would normally, owing to their vested interest, ie - they could have a field day.
 - b. conflict could arise between the requirement for establishment security, etc and that of allowing access to enable surveys to be carried out. The result could be most unfortunate and impaired relations between MOD and the local community might result.
5. Defence Lands 1a are probably not alone in considering the delegated survey system to be unacceptable to MOD for the above reasons even admitting the importance of listing as a means of preserving our heritage. Since a total MOD viewpoint would be of interest it would be appreciated if addressees could comment on the delegated survey system. Defence Lands have been asked to answer three specific questions:-
 - a. what embarrassments are likely to arise from the new arrangement for uncontrolled listing
 - b. how firmly MOD feel their interests may be prejudiced by these new arrangements
 - c. how strongly MOD wants PSA to press for a return to the previous arrangement or one which would give an opportunity to comment prior to listing.

6. It would be appreciated if addressees could use such a framework in formulating their replies and (given the possible implications in terms of MOD/community relations) could arrange for a relatively speedy response.

DABurton

4 July 1977

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ANCIENT MONUMENTS & HISTORIC MONUMENTS ON MOD PROPERTY

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Reference A in Es 1 and 1A

GENERAL

1. This document deals with the policy in respect of ancient monuments on MOD property.
2. Under the provisions of the Ancient Monuments Acts 1913-1953, the Secretaries of State for the Environment, for Wales and for Scotland are required to prepare and publish a list of monuments, the preservation of which is considered of national importance. All structures other than occupied dwelling houses and buildings in ecclesiastical use can be included in the list of ancient monuments. In the main, however, scheduled ancient monuments comprise archaeological remains, such as neolithic round barrows and iron age forts, and historic monuments such as castles, forts, dockyards and other secular remains dating up to the end of the 19th century.
3. The Directorate of Ancient Monuments and Historic Buildings (DAMHB) is responsible for the administration at national level of matters concerning the preservation and protection of all types of scheduled ancient monuments and listed historic buildings including field monuments and those reflecting industrial development. This document is only concerned with that part of the DAMHB dealing with Ancient Monuments. The DAMHB is organised on a regional basis and Annex A gives the organisation of inspectors in relation to Services and conservation groups.

OPERATING CHAIN

4. Defence Lands (formerly DS23) Direct liaison will be maintained between Defence Lands and DAMHB through the Conservation Officer.
5. Royal Navy liaison already exists between the DAMHB and the PSA and JPTs at the Naval Dockyards at Chatham, Portsmouth and Devonport. Meetings are held twice a year to consider matters of policy on ancient monuments at these locations. For monuments at other RN establishments not covered in this paragraph, the matter should be referred initially to the appropriate Flag Officer or Commandant General Royal Marines.
6. Army DAMHB having first obtained clearance through the respective Army District should establish direct liaison with the respective military establishment. The Regional Inspector should effect a liaison with the conservation group where they exist and work under the chairman of the group.

Matters affecting major military training areas should first be discussed with the Army District and Defence Lands 4.
7. RAF Clearance will be obtained by DAMHB from Defence Lands 4 before dealing with matters affecting RAF establishments. Thereafter where conservation groups exist, matters should be directed through them.
8. P&EE, R&D and Royal Ordnance Factories Clearance will be obtained by DAMHB from Defence Lands 4 before dealing with matters affecting these establishments. Defence Lands 4 will clear initially through the appropriate MOD Directorate. Thereafter, where conservation groups exist, matters should be directed through them.

9. DAMHB All matters relating to ancient monuments on MOD property will be referred to the appropriate DAMHB inspector by Service Authorities, PSA/SEs and conservation groups.

OPERATING PROCEDURES

10. Scheduling This is normally initiated by DAMHB and local authorities. Service Authorities can, however, recommend sites for scheduling but this should first be discussed with Defence Lands 4. It is normal practice for DAMHB and local authorities to consult with Service Authorities and/or Estate Managers before scheduling is decided. The procedure regarding scheduling is contained in Defence Land Regulations, shortly to be superseded by the Estate Surveying Code. A summary of this procedure is contained at Annex B. The scheduling of an ancient monument does not give the DAMHB or the public a statutory right of access.

PRESERVATION OF SITES

11. DAMHB will advise on the degree of preservation necessary at any particular site. Although no funds are directly available, PSA Area Works Officers are aware of "above ground" monuments ie castles, forts etc under their control, and when submitting estimates will take the normal maintenance costs of these monuments, whether occupied or not, into consideration. Regarding monuments such as neolithic round barrows, earthworks and iron-age forts - what might be loosely termed sub-ground monuments - normal estate management in terms of scrub clearance and control of pests will be carried out by SEs. Implementation of work involving additional expenditure beyond normal maintenance costs will depend upon help provided by (1) DAMHB and (2) Voluntary assistance from external organisations.

The star shaped signs, with which all ancient monuments should be marked, are provided by DOE. Service Authorities should liaise through Defence Lands 4 regarding their provision.

GUARDIANSHIP

12. Certain monuments of primary national importance may be taken into Guardianship by DAMHB, either by purchasing the monument or accepting it as a gift. When a monument is taken into Guardianship, control of access, and works and maintenance of the monument become the responsibility of DAMHB. The MOD may accept Guardianship of an ancient monument on its property provided that the restrictions thus imposed in no way impinge upon the military use of that property.

UNSCHEDULED MONUMENTS & ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES

13. A number of sites (particularly round barrows) on MOD property are not scheduled under the Ancient Monuments Acts. These should be preserved where possible and protected from unnecessary damage. Conservation groups where they exist will take on the responsibility of protecting and recording unscheduled sites.

In the event of archaeological excavation undertaken on MOD property by or on behalf of DAMHB, the SE will be kept fully informed. He, in turn, will inform Defence Lands 4 of all matters arising.

CONSERVATION GROUPS

14. An archaeological sub-group could be formed where existing conservation groups are located to look after the ancient monuments aspect. Where no conservation group exists then direct liaison should be obtained by the regional inspector with the appropriate Service Authority.

MOD FREEHOLD PROPERTY

15. The foregoing paragraphs only apply to those ancient monuments on MOD freehold property. All ancient monuments on property leased by MOD will be referred to the appropriate landowner by the DAMHB inspectors.

Defence Lands &
Tolworth Tower

S E R I A L	COUNTIES	RN FLAG OFFICES	ARMY DISTRICTS	DAMHB INSPECTORS		CONSERVATION GROUPS
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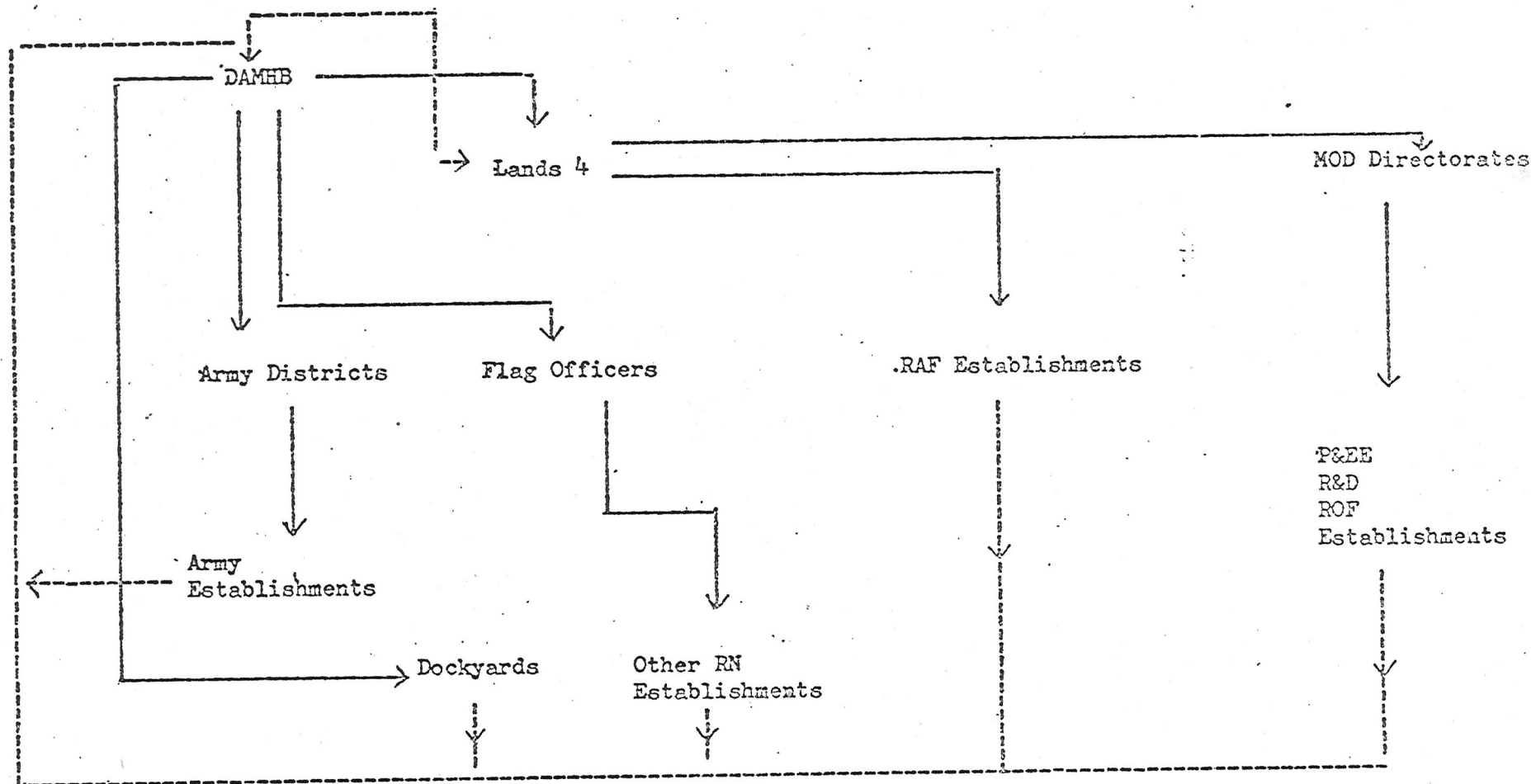
PROCESS OF SCHEDULING

In the case of a proposal to schedule an ancient monument on the Defence estate, preliminary letters will be received by DESS4. DESS4 will then inform the MOD Conservation Officer and send copies of the letter and plan of the site to the SES concerned. The SES will immediately advise the Service HQ, the CO of the establishment, and the Area Officer of the significance of the proposal, and will ascertain if there are any objections to the scheduling proposals. Scheduling will proceed two months after receipt of the preliminary letter unless notice of objection is received.

Should no objections be made or any that are made be resolved, a formal notice of scheduling will be received by DESS4, who will inform the MOD Conservation Officer and the SES, who in turn will advise the Service HQ, the CO of the establishment and the Area Officer.

A card index of all scheduled monuments is retained by DESS4 and the MOD Conservation Officer, and a detailed map record of the area/structure scheduled will be maintained by DESS4 and the local record office of the SES.

CHAIN OF COMMAND



————— Contact and liaison
 - - - - - Feedback of Information