

Westbury Danger Area Concessions Guide

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This guide should be read in conjunction with a current CAA approved air map and the Avon HG&PG Club's site guide for Westbury. It is your responsibility to understand the extent of the Salisbury Plain Danger Area as indicated on an air map. You should ensure you do not fly inside the Danger Area Airspace unless one of the concessions described in this guide is available. If in doubt, assume no concessions are available and fly to the Danger Area boundary as indicated on an air map.

What has changed in December 2017?

The Avon Club has built up a good relationship with Salisbury Plain Air Operations and they have agreed to grant us additional concessions to enter small areas of the Danger Area close to the Westbury take-off. They also hope to be able to grant us access to the concession areas more frequently than they were able to in the past.

New Danger Area Concessions for Avon Club Members and Guests

Before December 2017 the club had an agreement with Salisbury Plain Air Operations that when possible they would give us permission to enter Danger Area D123 at two separate concession areas, the Upton Triangle and Cow Down. From December 2017 there is now an agreement for four separate concession areas, Cow Down (incorporating the Upton Triangle), the Quarry, Bratton West and Bratton East.

As is the current practice, the Telegram group [SW Airspace Notifications](#) will be used on a day by day basis to announce when each of the concession areas is available. If you have not personally seen an announcement in this Telegram group for the day you should assume that no concession areas are available. Do not blindly follow others without first checking the Telegram group.

It is hoped that access to these new concession areas will enhance local flying and assist those looking to fly cross country to the south of Westbury town.



Concession Areas

Access to concession areas is granted on request by Salisbury Plain Air Operations when they have no conflicting military activity within the Danger Area. It is part of the concession agreement that only named Avon Club officials may directly contact Salisbury Plain Air Operations to request access. Access will be granted for daylight hours on a day-by-day basis, unless notified otherwise.

All concession areas extend to the upper level of the Danger Area. Three of the new concession areas allow flights to be bounded by the “ground range” red flags and signs rather than the “air range” area marked on an airspace map.

The flags and signs used to mark these new concessions are those that delimit the ground range from farm or public land. There may be further red flags within the Danger Area used for military purposes, do not confuse them with boundary markers.

The red flag and sign boundary will usually, though not exclusively, follow the line of a track that can easily be seen from the air. You will need to be familiar with these landmarks if you wish to fly within the concession areas. If you have an hour or so to spare, you can walk or cycle the boundary to help familiarise yourself with it.

There is plenty of farm land that will still be within the Danger Area, so make sure you fully understand where the concession boundaries are by studying this guide.

Any clearance given does not imply that other aircraft will avoid the concession areas or that separation will be applied by Salisbury Plain Air Operations. Pilots must also consider that pilots of military aircraft operating over the Danger Area may not be able to comply with the Rules of the Air.

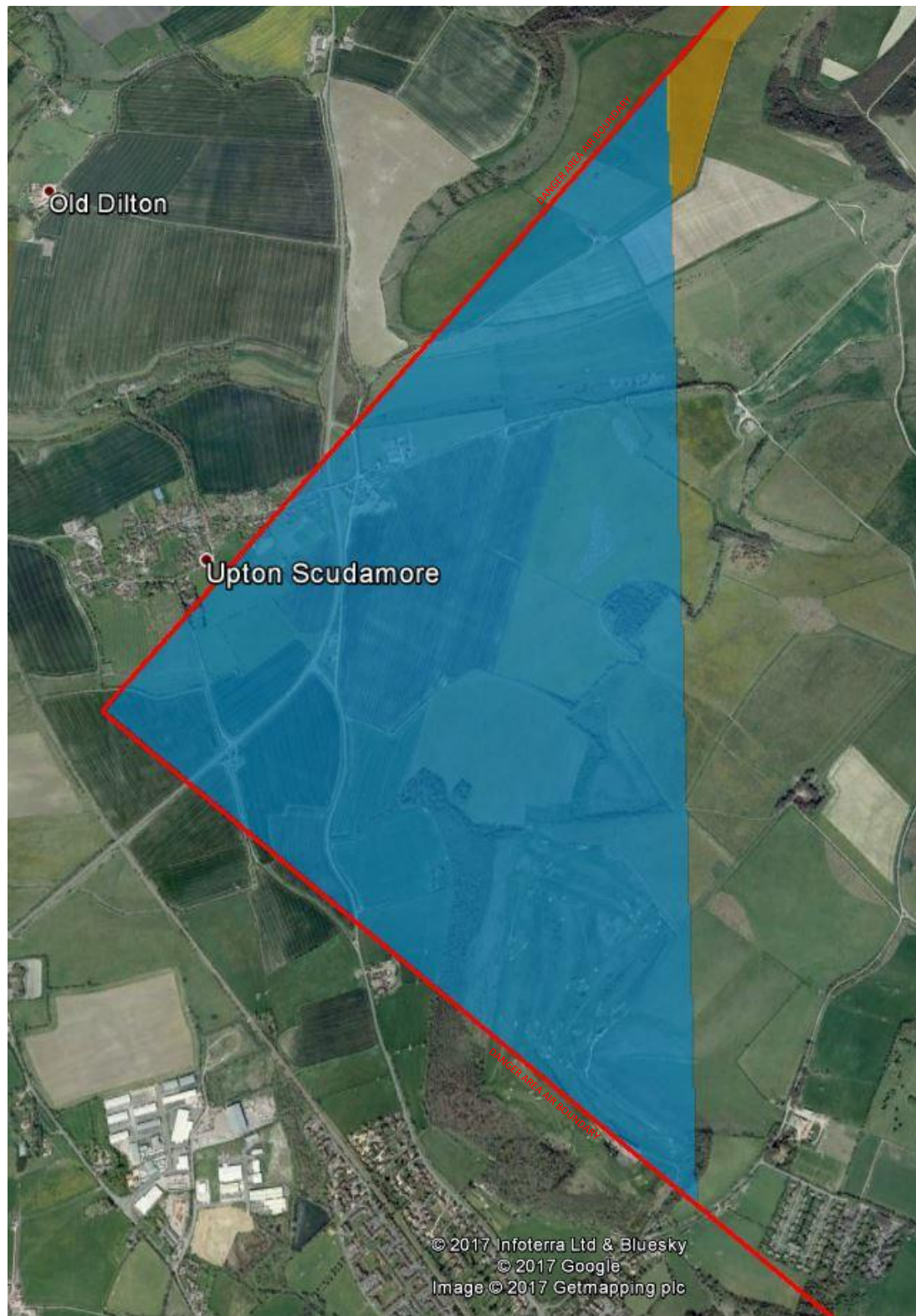
We have not been granted permission to access land within the concession areas for landings or take-offs.

Do not fly past the boundaries that we have been granted in the concession agreement. If we are observed to do this the concession agreement will be withdrawn.

Do not fly in the concession areas if no permissions have been posted in the Telegram group [SW Airspace Notifications](#) for the day.

Cow Down

This area combines the old Upton Triangle and Cow Down areas into one. It allows direct flight to the south once OS Easting 88 has been reached when flying to the west.



The Quarry

A complicated area that follows the ground range red flag and sign boundary. If you consider it to include all of the quarry area and the area to the north of the publically accessible track that runs towards the Westbury-Warminster road you will be OK.

The new concessions do not change our existing site rules so consult the main sites guide to ensure you are familiar with them. Adjacent to the Quarry Concession is the area highlighted in green covering the stables and surrounding fields. Be sure to maintain 600' ato when overflying this area as there may be skittish horses and novice riders in the vicinity.



Bratton West

This area extends to the Imber Road that runs south from Bratton Village and follows the line of the Wessex Ridgeway back to White Horse Farm at the rear of the Westbury landing area.

The area directly to the east of Bratton village is used by helicopters to transit into the Salisbury Plain Training Area. This is why there are two Bratton areas. The Bratton West concession area will keep us clear of the usual helicopter route whilst we are flying within the Danger Area. This does not mean that you will not encounter helicopters in this area. You should expect to encounter helicopters anywhere in the vicinity of Salisbury Plain. Keep a good lookout and be prepared to take avoiding action whenever possible.



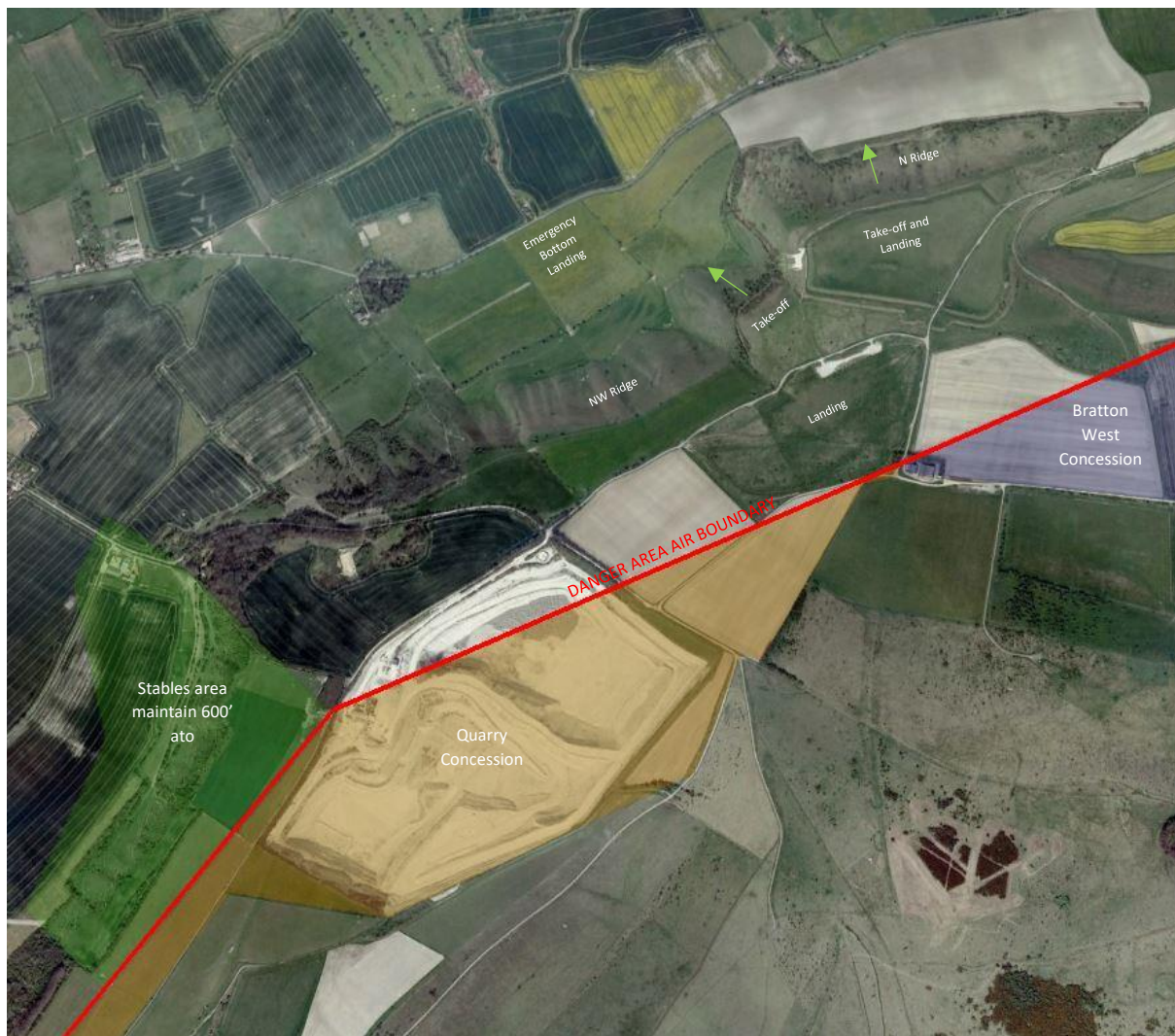
Bratton East

This area extends Bratton West to the east from the Imber road as far as Tottenham Wood and as far south as the ground range boundary. This area is not bounded by straight lines so ensure you know where the range red flag and sign boundary actually is.

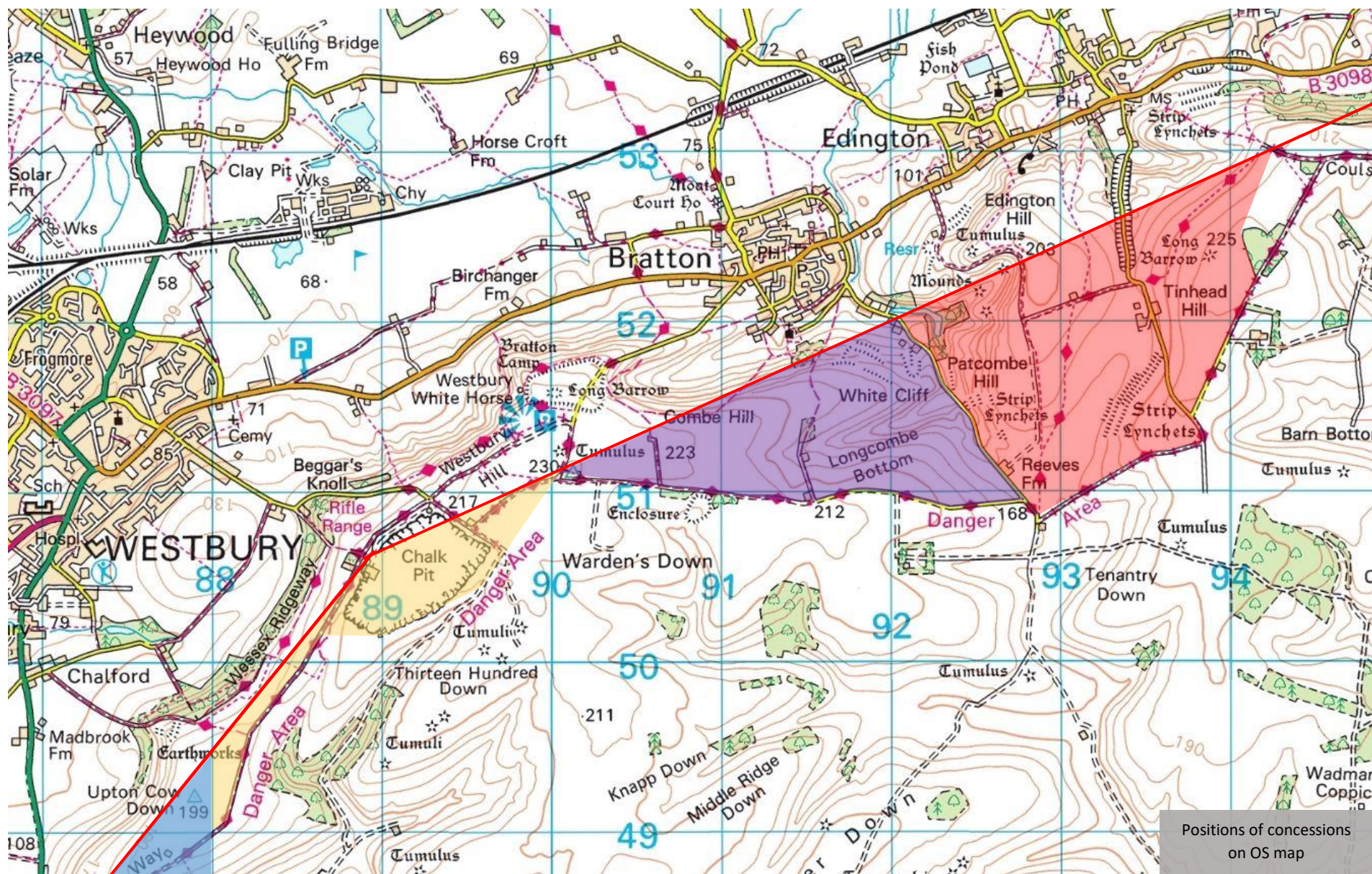
This area will only be available to use when there is no activity within the Danger Area. Therefore it is likely that access permission will only be granted on weekends or bank holidays.

There is a private airstrip in this area, so keep a lookout out for aircraft taking off or landing and do not hinder their activity. Keep clear if an aircraft is preparing to take-off.





Close-up of take-off and landing areas in relation to The Quarry and Bratton West concessions



How to Request Access to a Concession Area

Concession areas are only considered open on a particular day if a **request** has been made to check they are available via the Telegram group *SW Airspace Notifications* **and** positive confirmation of their availability has been posted in the group as a **response** to this request.

Any pilot can post a request using the following procedure:

In the Telegram group *SW Airspace Notifications*, first check to see if a request has already been made, if not, post your own request using the format:

Are Westbury Areas - Cow Down/Quarry/Bratton West/Bratton East available for days/dates

An appointed Avon Club official will contact Salisbury Plain Air Operations and respond on the Telegraph group confirming or denying that a concession is available.

If a concession area is not explicitly mentioned as available, it is NOT available.

If there is NO response to the request, NO concession areas are available.

Example responses could be:

Westbury - Cow Down, Quarry and Bratton West are available on 22/12/2017

Westbury - Quarry and Bratton West are available on Friday 22nd Dec 17

Westbury - Cow Down, Quarry, Bratton West and Bratton East are available on 22nd Dec 2017

Westbury - No concession areas are available for 23/12/2017

Westbury - Cow Down, Quarry, Bratton West and Bratton East are available on Sat 23rd, Sun 24th and Mon 25th Dec 2017

Weekdays: requests should be made before 9:00 am on the day you want to fly.

Weekends or Public Holidays: requests should be made before 10:00 am on the last working day prior to the weekend or public holiday.

Note: *It is part of the concession agreement that only named Avon Club officials may directly contact Salisbury Plain Air Operations to request access to the airspace concessions.*

Telegram is available as a mobile phone app, via a web browser and as an application for most personal computers. If you do not have access to any of these you cannot request that the concession areas are opened.

XC Flights

It is up to individual leagues to decide whether or not XC flights that include entry into the concession areas will be valid for scoring purposes.

Emergencies

In the event of any unplanned landings on the MOD estate, notify Salisbury Plain Air Operations immediately on 01980 674710/674730. If Salisbury Plain Air Operations is closed contact the Range Operations Room 01980 674951/674877.