

WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS

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The scarred landscape at Warren Farm, following the recent archaeological excavations.

MARCH AT WARREN FARM

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

Bob & Paul recently had a meeting with Chris Bunting from LBE leisure Services.

Part of the discussion centred on our potential return to Rectory Park when the QPR redevelopment of Warren Farm commences, however since our meeting this move has been thrown into doubt by the new CAA/DFT regulations governing the use of model aircraft. Flying any model within 5km of an airport or licensed airfield is prohibited unless permission has been granted by Air Traffic Control at that airfield. Rectory Park is only 2.5km from RAF Northolt.

We are awaiting advice from the BMFA on how to set about seeking that permission from Northolt ATC, and as of 13th March flying at Rectory Park will be illegal.

In the meantime, we are continuing to seek an alternative location close to Warren Farm.

We have not yet heard from the owners of the football club in Tentelow Lane, however at this site we would need permission to overfly the adjacent farmland. Chris Bunting is also trying to make contact with the landlords of the same farmland, as there is a field there which would suit our purposes perfectly.

Both of these sites are outside the Heathrow 5km prohibition zone, as also is Warren Farm if we are ever able to return there.

FIELD CONDITION

The grass is now getting very long. Models with small wheels can still fly from some parts of the strip, but landing can be a bit traumatic for some models, especially those with a nose-wheel undercarriage.

AND FINALLY

Many thanks to Ted Davis for the aerial photo of Warren Farm, showing where the archaeological trenches had been refilled. Our thanks also to all concerned for minimising the damage to our runway. We have lost only a few feet at one end.