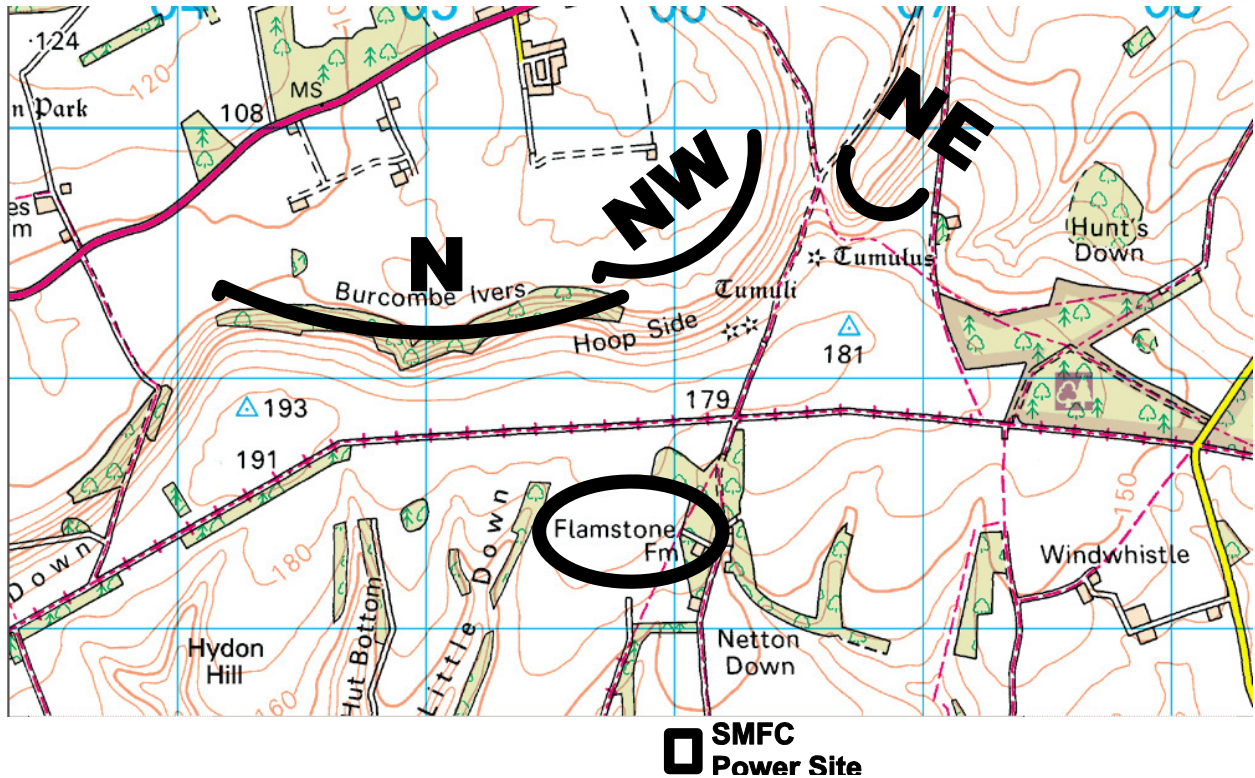


ANNEX D

BURCOMBE SLOPE SITE

LOCATION:

D.1 OS map No. 184. Graphic below taken from www.streetmap.co.uk (search: "burcombe ivers")



D.2 Effective in wind directions of North and North-West $\pm 30^\circ$ The alternative "Punchbowl" facing North-East is very sensitive to wind direction and is invariably very turbulent (not recommended for beginners). The contours might suggest that Westerlies would work but that part of the slope rarely produces adequate lift.

ACCESS:

D.3 The access track may be approached either along the Drove (not advised due to its condition), or from Flamstone Farm and the SMFC Power site. There is a gate to the North of Flamstone Farm house, blocking the Bridle Path. This, and any other, gate must be left as found - if it is open leave it open, if locked, lock it behind you. Foot access only North of the Drove.

PARKING:

D.4 Vehicles must not be allowed to block any access ways on the Drove or any field gate. Cars may not be taken North of the Drove.

TIMES:

D.5 The slopes are available whenever the wind is suitable. If farming activity is in progress, use common sense by speaking to the operators to confirm whether your presence is acceptable.

FREQUENCIES TO BE USED:

- D.6a **35MHz:** EVEN frequencies only to maintain agreed separation from the adjacent power-flying site.
- D.6b **2.4GHz:** Unrestricted.

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PERMITTED MODELS:

D.7 The following guidelines are to be observed:

- All types of **non-powered** flying models are permitted
- This is a “Silent Flight” venue. However, electric propulsion self-launching gliders are allowed but high performance rigs are not appropriate. Those with power rating greater than 150 Watts per Lb will not be permitted
- **No** ducted fans
- **No** IC engines

LIVESTOCK AND PETS:

D.8a Sheep are often on the slope itself but are rarely inquisitive. Pilots are to remain aware of livestock movements on the slope and plan their flying/landing accordingly.

D.8a Pigs will often be found in adjacent fields. They are not bothered by aviation activity but these fields should not be trespassed. A model landing amongst them is likely to be rapidly destroyed !

D.8a Buzzards and other birds of prey are frequently seen over the slopes and will often come to investigate strangers in their airspace. Fly sensibly and do not actively engage in deliberate close flying.

WARNING: As there is a large amount of rat poison used around the pig unit, dogs are to be kept on a lead at all times.

AIRSPACE USE:

D.9 The model will inevitably be in front of the slope for most of its flight and it is not advisable to operate ‘behind’ the slope at any time. However, landing approaches will often need to use some of this airspace. The footpath immediately adjacent to the slope should not be overflowed when members of the public are there. This may mean that you have to make an “along-the-slope” landing approach to avoid overflying people.

OTHER AIR ACTIVITY:

D.10 Fullsize aircraft and Military helicopters will often follow this ridge line at low level. If in doubt - **LAND IMMEDIATELY**. There is also a commercial RPV operator in the valley below. Users of the slope are to remain vigilant.

VISITORS:

D.11 No organised meetings are permitted.

PILOT QUALIFICATIONS:

D.12 BMFA Silent Flight qualifications are desirable and a (SF) training/testing organisation will be established in the near future. Initially, and in line with extant Salisbury MFC requirements, users of the SMFC slope without previous SF qualifications should hold a minimum of A(FW) to fly unaccompanied.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

D.13 Slope Soaring is an excellent way of learning to fly. With the correct model and wind conditions, extended flight times are easily achieved and the model is facing away from the pilot for the majority of flight, greatly simplifying the early orientation problems. SMFC has several members who are experienced Slope Soarers and who can help beginners. If you have any problems, questions or suggestions about Slope Soaring, contact any of the SMFC Committee.

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