

The COS at Winterbourne has written the letter.  
However, if you have any questions, any questions please contact WO1 Chris Goddard, RSM, Defence CBRN Centre, Winterbourne Gunner, Salisbury, Wilts, SP4 0ES  
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**CHANGE IN PROCEDURES TO AUTHORISE DELIVERIES TO EAST GOMELDON VIA THE THORNYDOWN ROAD:**

Residents of East Gomeldon should be aware that the Thornydown Road, that links the A30 London Road with Winterbourne Gunner and East Gomeldon, transits through MoD-owned land throughout its length. The road passes through the highly-sensitive Porton Down experimental ranges and also the Defence Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear Centre (DCBRNC) range and training area. Both of these estates are subject to MoD security regulations and, when in use, can be dangerous to the public and of interest to organisations intent on doing damage to the interests and reputation of the MoD and the UK. On this basis, transit by non-MoD personnel and vehicles has to be controlled.

Recently there has been an increase in use of HGV deliveries to East Gomeldon addresses and this has coincided with a change in MoD Guard Service (MGS) manning, resulting in an inability for these vehicles to be escorted from the A30 gate at the north end of the Thornydown Road. Current procedures for authorising access have been identified as less secure than is acceptable for the current security threat to both DSTL Porton Down and DCBRNC. Consequently, these procedures will change with effect from the date of this notice.

**New Procedures:**

Residents should now carry out the following action if they require access for a delivery vehicle via the Thornydown Road:

1. Confirm with the service provider/delivery contractor that the delivery must be by high-sided HGV (necessitating access from the A30 via the Thornydown Road) and requesting alternative means if possible (ie a smaller delivery vehicle, allowing access from the A338 via the railway tunnel).
2. If delivery can only be made by a high-sided HGV, then the resident is to supply the following documentation, in person, to the MGS Vehicle Check Point (VCP) at DCBRNC at least 48 hours in advance of the delivery:
  - a. Photographic identification (drivers' licence; passport; other official identification from workplace).
  - b. Proof of residence in East Gomeldon (drivers' licence; utility bill (addressed to the person requesting access)).
  - c. Invoice/Delivery note from supplier (including date and time of expected delivery and any other particulars such as delivery contractor; name of driver, vehicle type etc, if known).
  - d. Contact details in case further verification of delivery is required by the MGS staff.

3. Failure to provide all the above information may result in access being denied to delivery vehicles.
4. Telephone requests for access will no longer be accepted.

DCBRNC very much regrets the inconvenience that these measures may cause residents of East Gomeldon. It is hoped that you appreciate that, in the light of the significant threat to MoD establishments, access through secure areas by large vehicles requires close control if incidents involving hostile organisations (eg a vehicle-borne bomb attack) are to be avoided. This will ensure the safety of not only MoD personnel but also residents.

If there are any questions associated with this matter, please call the Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM) DCBRNC on 01722 436231 or the DCBRNC VCP on 01722 436264.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this important security measure, which will ensure better safety and security for all of us.

*Regards,*

*RSM*