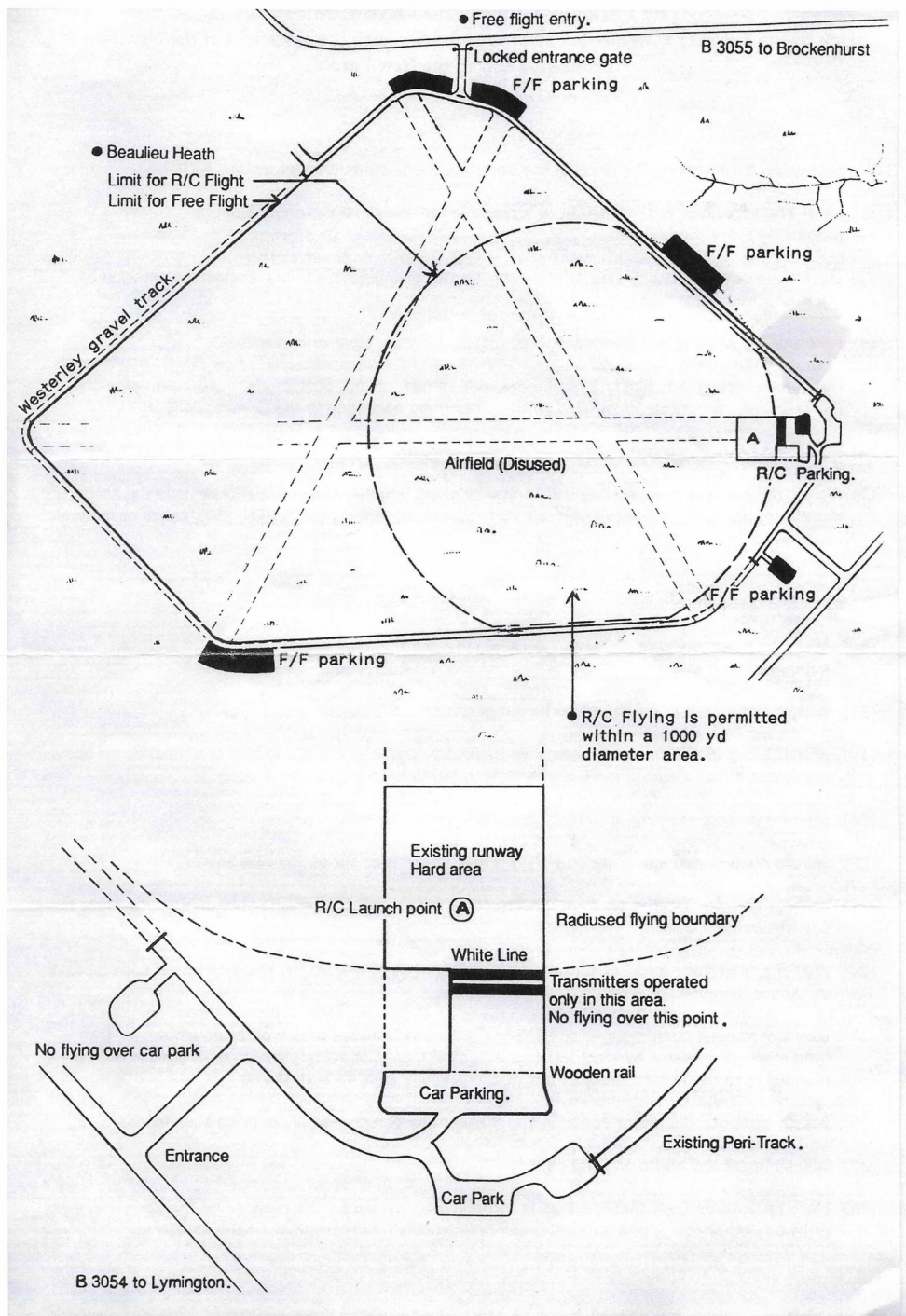


The areas of Beaulieu Heath affected by Model Flying

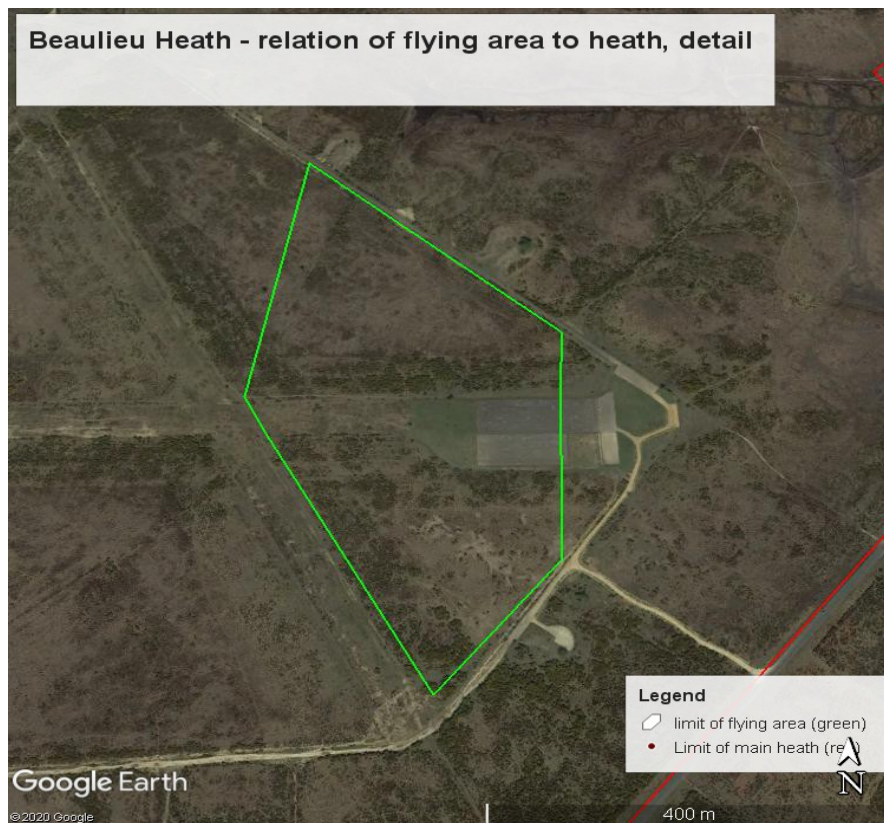
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The time-honoured agreement of which areas of Beaulieu Heath can be used by Model Flyers is the Schematic map drawn up by FE in the 1980s and referred to by all contracts up to 2020.

Map of Flying Areas at Beaulieu Airfield, New Forest, Hampshire, England, UK



The area for R/C flying in the map above is marked by the large 1km diameter circle. The new (2021) restricted space is shown here (on Google Earth) as a small section of that. If wildlife on this part of the heath is being affected, the restricted area will have less effect. It has been noted elsewhere that this is a false assumption.



However, it does correspond to the area used by normal sport flying, as is shown by the GPS plot of an actual model aircraft flying in a normal flight pattern. The data was collected in real time by an Eagle Tree logging and telecommunication package on board the flying model.



The relative sizes of the areas available for model flying are shown in the following view (from Google Earth) where the limit of Beaulieu Heath is marked in red, the airfield perimeter track is visible as a pentagon, and the new restricted area is marked in green.

It is therefore clear that the area traditionally used for model flying is only a small fraction of the total heath area, and that the area actually used is only a fraction of that. It is therefore not logical to blame model flying for affecting wildlife over the whole heath

