

69RAF Alconbury Main Gate Change
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ROYAL AIR FORCE ALCONBURY, United Kingdom – As of Wednesday 21 March 2018, the base Main Gate has shifted from the Stukeley gate (former Main gate) to the Large Vehicle Inspection Site (LVIS) gate. The LVIS gate is also located off of Ermine Street, north of Little Stukeley between Steve's Car Sales and the traffic control median.

To enter the new Main Gate (LVIS gate) personnel traveling North on the A14 are advised to remain on the highway until the B1043/RAF Alconbury exit. Vehicle operators are advised to safely navigate established traffic control to avoid causing traffic congestion. Personnel traveling north on Ermine who are unable to make a right turn are encouraged to proceed to the roundabout and make a U-turn.

Signs have been placed to assist vehicle traffic through this transition and we are working with the local authorities to place additional signs off-base to assist personnel. The Stukeley gate will remain open for in and outbound pedestrian traffic as well as outbound vehicle traffic Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. A vehicle serpentine will be established as additional security measures. Vehicle operators are reminded to safely navigate security devices.

Pedestrians who require access through the Stukeley Gate outside of operating hours, can request outbound access by contacting the 423 SFS Desk at 268-2400 or 01480-842400. Security Forces patrols will be unavailable to open the gate for deliveries or convenience, but may facilitate access for the purposes of work, youth activities, in-processing or out-processing from on-base lodging and taxi pick up or drop off. At least one courier service has applied for and has been granted base access, and may pick up people anywhere on the installation. We encourage other companies to apply for base access. Contact a guest services representative at the Britannia Inn (DSN 268-6000) to find out which companies can come on base.

Base personnel will need to meet delivery drivers at the LVIS gate to pick up any packages or food. Please use caution when accessing the base and remember the speed limit is 5 MPH around entry control points. The speed bumps are there for safety and security purposes. The future design of the gate will provide speed mitigation controls which may replace some of the speed bumps.

There are plans in coordination to improve conditions around the new Main Gate and the base will continue to work with the local community to make this transition more efficient. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and patience as we enhance safety and security conditions for the base populace as well as the local community.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can the base shorten or remove the speed bumps en route to the LVIS gate?

- a. We acknowledge they are large and require vehicles to decelerate to a slow speed. However, speed bumps are a security feature designed to slow vehicles down. Future gate improvements will provide other speed mitigation controls which may replace some of the speed bumps.
2. What is being done to mitigate the traffic on Ermine Street, due to the gate change?
 - a. To help alleviate traffic on Ermine street, drivers who would turn right into the gate should instead continue past the gate entrance to use the roundabout to make a U-turn and turn left to enter the base. Local authorities are determining the best way to control traffic on Ermine Street. We appreciate the assistance and cooperation from the Stukeley Parish Council, the Huntingdon District Council, Highways England and the Royal Air Force. We will continue to coordinate our actions with them and assist where we can.
3. What are the new procedures for visitor passes at RAF Alconbury?
 - a. The current Visitor Control Center at the Stukeley Gate is the safest and most capable location we have to process visitors and contractors. Hours of operation for the vehicle control center are 7 a.m. - 05:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri. If visitors arrive over the weekend, we ask that their base sponsor contact 423rd Security Forces BDOC at DSN 268-2400 or commercial 01480-842400 and follow the direction of on-duty Security Forces.
4. Are there changes planned to the visitor procedures?
 - a. We are considering other mid-term options to make this more efficient and safe for base personnel. A visitor center facility is included in our future plans for the LVIS gate.
5. What options are available to people who have to travel from the bus stop, through Little Stukely, to get to the LVIS gate?
 - a. Pedestrians will not have to walk through town from the bus stop to access the base. Pedestrians who are authorized base access are still able to walk through the Stukeley Gate from the hours of 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Mon. - Fri. Pedestrians who require passage in or out while the Stukeley gate is closed may contact Security Forces (DSN 268-2400) to request passage. Our intent is to accommodate people who are coming to & from work, people participating in base-sponsored events, people checking in or out of lodging or people using taxis with luggage.
6. How should base personnel receive package deliveries?
 - a. All deliveries including restaurant and package deliveries, will need to take place at the LVIS gate. When coming from inside the base, the location to meet the delivery driver is where the outbound lane curves to the left while approaching the Entry Control Point (ECP). People should park their car between the fence on

the left, and the outbound lane, in the vicinity of the vehicle search area. The LVIS gate construction project includes a parking lot.

7. Is it safe for pedestrians to travel through the LVIS gate?
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8. How long will the LVIS gate be the main gate?
 - a. This is a permanent change. Construction is scheduled for later this year to build up the area around the LVIS gate, including lighting, sidewalks, a visitor center and a parking lot. This decision was not taken lightly by base leadership, the safety and security of the base and surrounding community is a top priority and we will continue to work with the local community as well as the base community during this transition period.