

5. Annex **COMPONENTS OF DEFENCE AREA 31**

Details of the defence works shown on Map 2 are given below. The listing is arranged in sequence of the unique database record numbers that are also given on the map.

UORN	S0005335	SITE TYPE	PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/24)
		NGR	SK 18409 04526
COUNTY	Staffordshire		
DISTRICT	Tamworth		
PARISH	Tamworth		
LOCATION	On S bank of River Tame, by footpath off Dunstall Lane.		
DESCRIPTION			
	TYPE		DATE
	Field Visit		2002/10/28
	Type 24 pillbox facing river (N). Its concrete base is visible. Built with horizontal plank shuttering. Interior access possible. Some modern graffiti inside.		
	TYPE		DATE
	Document		1940/12/27
	Bullet-proof concrete pillbox. Disguised as a haystack. Serial no. 86. Cassini ref. 642249.		
	TYPE		DATE
	Field Visit		2000/08/24
	Hexagonal concrete-faced pillbox, standing on concrete base. Marks of wood shuttering planks very visible. 15ins thick walls. Exterior height, 7ft 6ins. Entrance, 26ins wide. Width of entrance face, 12ft 6ins. Embrasures, 4ft 6ins above ground level, 2ft wide at exterior, 10ins in middle.		
	TYPE		DATE
	Field Visit		1996/ __ / __
	Hexagonal pillbox.		
	TYPE		DATE
	Air Photograph		1948/03/09
	Hexagonal structure plotted from air photograph.		
	TYPE		DATE
	Field Visit		___ / __ / __
	Type 24, thin-walled faces NE.		
CONDITION	Good		
THREATS			
ADJACENT			
SITES			
PART OF	Western Command Stop Line No 5		

CONSTRUCTION**DATE**

1940/__/__ 1941/__/__

REFERENCE

Defence Scheme Staffordshire 2	2 Bn. Queen's Westminster Regiment War Diary
CPE/UK/2469 (fr.4240)	Aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

Staffordshire SMR 5034

UORN	S0005336	SITE TYPE	PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/24)
		NGR	SK 18027 05055

COUNTY	Staffordshire
DISTRICT	Lichfield
PARISH	Wigginton and Hopwas
LOCATION	On front lawn of house (plot 28) in new housing development off Hints Road, Hopwas, on W side of RiverTame.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	2002/10/28

Type 24 pillbox set on bank above river plain, facing ENE towards Hopwas Bridge. Splayed embrasures. Internal blast wall. Remnants of wooden gun shelves. Built using vertically-set wooden plank shuttering. Pebbly concrete matrix. Interior access. This pillbox has been preserved as part of new housing development..

TYPE	DATE
Air Photograph	1948/03/27

Hexagonal structure plotted from aerial photograph.

TYPE	DATE
Document	1940/12/27

Bullet-proof concrete pillbox. Disguised as a haystack. Serial no. 85. Cassini ref. 637253.

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	2000/08/ __

Type 24 pillbox. Concrete-faced. A good, clean example of this pillbox type. It appears to have been built using wood shuttering. There is no external blast wall. It was built to defend Hopwas Bridge, and is set into a bank overlooking the river. [Information from photographs sent by Staffordshire SMR].

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	1992/11/01

Type 24 pillbox, thin-walled: faces E. Wood-shuttered.

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	1996/ __/ __

Hexagonal pillbox defending Hopwas Bridge.

CONDITION

Good

THREATS

Currently (August 2000) threatened with demolition. Subject of correspondence with Stafford Archaeology and Conservation Officer. DoB recommend it be protected as a good, clean example of a wood-shuttered type 24 pillbox at an important river bridge crossing of a stop line.

ADJACENT

SITES

PART OF

Western Command Stop Line No 5

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/___/___ 1941/___/___

REFERENCE

Defence Scheme Staffordshire 2	2 Bn. Queen's Westminster Regiment War Diary
CPE/UK/2555 (fr.4303)	Aerial photographs

DESIGNATION

Staffordshire SMR 5035

UORN S0005337 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/24)
NGR SK 17967 05315

COUNTY Staffordshire
DISTRICT Lichfield
PARISH Wigginton and Hopwas
LOCATION At top of bank above RiverTame, and between river and Birmingham and Fazeley Canal.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	2002/10/28

Type 24 pillbox facing Hopwas Bridge (SE). Built with vertical plank shuttering. Interior access - some rubble inside. Appears to be preserved amongst recent new sewage works.

TYPE	DATE
Document	1940/12/27

Bullet-proof concrete pillbox. Disguised as an ash heap. Serial no. 83. Cassini ref. 636257.

TYPE	DATE
Field Visit	___/___/___

Type 24, thin-walled faces SE.

CONDITION

Good

THREATS

ADJACENT

SITES

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CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/ __/ __

1941/ __/ __

REFERENCE

Defence Scheme
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Westminster Regiment
War Diary

DESIGNATION

UORN S0005339 **SITE TYPE** PILLBOX (TYPE FW3/24)
NGR SK 1820 0639

COUNTY Staffordshire
DISTRICT Lichfield
PARISH Fisherwick
LOCATION Tarnhorn Park, on W side of River Tame.

DESCRIPTION

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 2002/10/28

Type 24 pillbox facing E towards river. On private land, with no access.

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 1996/ __/ __

Hexagonal pillbox.

TYPE **DATE**
Field Visit 1996/08/04

Type 24, thin-walled: faces E

CONDITION

Fair

THREATS

Western Command Stop Line No 5

CONSTRUCTION

DATE

1940/__/__

1941/__/__

REFERENCE

Defence Scheme
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Lichfield Sub Area
Defence Scheme
Lichfield Sub District
Defence Scheme

2 Bn. Queen's
Westminster Regiment
War Diary
Lichfield Sub Area War
Diary
Lichfield Sub District
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