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CHS Statement: MILITARY REMAINS by Kevin Stout

I am Kevin Stout. Over the last 56 years I have amassed a wealth of expertise in researching, identifying and recovering remains of crashed military aircraft, including whilst I was on military training. I hope my briefing this evening will benefit those involved and will slightly enhance their knowledge.

It is my assessment that crashed military aircraft sites, and their remains have not been fully understood and adequately addressed to date by the project or by those preparing to give permission for the project to take place.

I am not attempting to apportion blame to any individual person as the subject has a very niche interest group and only a small number of people have the necessary expertise. The lack of expertise and knowledge within SSEN and those preparing to give permission for the projects to take place comes as no surprise to myself and is why I begun giving information on the sites to SSEN, the council and the Mearns group.

Some say they have enough information; I guarantee they do not. I know this because so far, I have released only a small amount of information and the information being used by others stems from what I provided.

I was very disappointed to read one report written by SSEN where they state a desk top exercise was done and they concluded the existence of remains are "assessed as negligible." This conclusion is wrong. I have seen and identified aircraft remains on several sites. I was alarmed when reading a second report from SSEN that there was no mention of aircraft crash sites or remains despite SSEN having already been told about the existence of sites.

Evidence shows the local HER only lists a very small number of the over 200 sites in the local area. Evidence also shows the HER information is wrong in many cases. Current MOD records can be vague and inaccurate, so local research must be carried out.

Crashed military aircraft are covered in a 1986 Westminster act. This act makes no reference to the remains becoming archaeological. I cannot read anywhere that corporate bodies are immune from the act, and I wonder if anyone had correspondence suggesting they do have immunity. The act makes someone guilty of an offence if they disturb aircraft remains and it makes managers, office bearers and directors also guilty of offence if they **give permission** for disturbance by others. The act makes it clear that a person is also guilty if believing or having reasonable grounds for suspecting that any place comprises any remains of an aircraft. SSEN and those giving permission have been informed and given evidence, it is therefore difficult to understand how they cannot have reasonable grounds for suspecting remains exist on sites.

It would be unfortunate if sites were unlawfully disturbed or individuals faced prosecution because of insufficient expertise. Why are institutions expecting people without expertise and without full information to do a proper job, write accurate reports and make the correct decisions? I wonder why in December 2025 did the MOD write to me confirming nobody had contacted them about the project and the probable disturbance of crash sites. Yet, SSEN and the council have known about the presence of sites for circa 2 years?

If the current no proactive approach continues, I feel certain unlawful disturbance will take place leaving individuals and institutions open to prosecution. I wonder why a more proactive approach has not taken place as SSEN will need to halt the project when remains are found. SSEN will have to apply for a MOD licence and please note **a licence maybe refused**. What action will SSEN take if a licence is refused? Why has adequate investigation not already taken place and why in December 2025 had no licences been applied for?

It has been confirmed to me that the issue of military remains and activities to date has now been raised at a senior level in Westminster.

I would also appeal to people to have a serious review of their morals. Many young men gave their lives at some of these sites so we can enjoy the freedom we have today, and evidence confirms some sites still contain remains of these young men.

I hope tonight's briefing has added some clarity to the situation and has demonstrated that the expertise and information is seriously lacking.

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