

We manage The Boxted Airfield Museum CO4 5NW this is close to a proposed set of pylons. We object to the pylons in this area.

The affect on the Museum by the pylons would restrict the ability of aircraft to fly over the site of the original airfield. We hold special events open to the public during the year. Some of these events involve flying aircraft participation. In addition a grass airstrip is available for aircraft to land. This means as well as adding to our event, the pilot can get a stamp in his log book of an important WW2 airfield. We can make an additional admission charge to our normal open day suggested donation when there are participating aircraft. The RAF have also supplied display aircraft for these open days. All of this activity would stop if the pylons went ahead in the area that is suggested, this would severely affect the income of the Museum. The siting of the pylons would also affect the visual impact of the original airfield site. A lot of the trackways used by the aircraft during WW2 is still intact and the site is very open giving a very good impression of the size and original layout. We use these trackways to stage airfield walks and vehicle guided tours. The location of the pylons would spoil the look of this important heritage site. Boxted Airfield was the most important US fighter aircraft base in the UK during WW2. 8 of the top 10 American Aces flew from there and the 56th Fighter Group destroyed more enemy aircraft than any other unit based in Europe at that time. Lots of aviation enthusiasts and relatives of the servicemen come to the viewthe site, again the pylons would spoil their enjoyment.