

The Mystery of Building 139 (“PPP Building”)

Mobility Supply Flight Priority Placement Programme Store. Built as recently as 1988, this light green building with two white doors was for use by the USAF if they took over the station during a war. Its precise purpose is not known. The name Priority Placement Programme is, in peace-time, quite innocuous whereas in a time of crisis it might cover a multitude of potential activities and uses. The building did have a USAF title and was funded by MoD USAF budget. MoD site maintenance staff only ever inspected the exterior and the services to it, and everything else was under very strict control . No MoD staff were ever allowed inside!



The original lettered door signs for the internal offices have, for the most part, been removed, but survive as “ghost” images on the doors. There is also some information on the key fobs for those doors, and these combine as follows (door signs in CAPS), then key label (*italics*) followed by notes :-

“SUPPLY – PEPS” ; General Office.

There is a label, partially hidden behind a network point “Reserved for USAS []”.

“WO MSF” ; NO Office

“MSF”; CO Office.

There are window stickers relating to Heavy Lift Cargo Airlines and yellow labels “MoD Procurement Executive”.

“VAS” ; SNCO Office.

There is a First aid sign relating to Hydrazine.

“ARCHIVES AP’S” ; Store

“MOVS PLANNING” ; UMP Conference



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