

Venue and Logistics

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Applications

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1 SCOPE

The present document describes the logistics to be arranged for the ESA 6th International Workshop on Retrieval of Bio- & Geo-physical Parameters from SAR Data for Land Applications which will be held from the 17 – 19 November 2015.

2 WEBSITE

<http://biogeosar.esa.int>

3 VENUE

The workshop will be held in [European Centre for Space Applications and Telecommunications \(ECSAT\)](#).

3.1 How to find us

Address:

European Space Agency (ESA) - ECSAT

Harwell Science & Innovation Campus

Didcot, Oxfordshire

OX11 0QX

United Kingdom

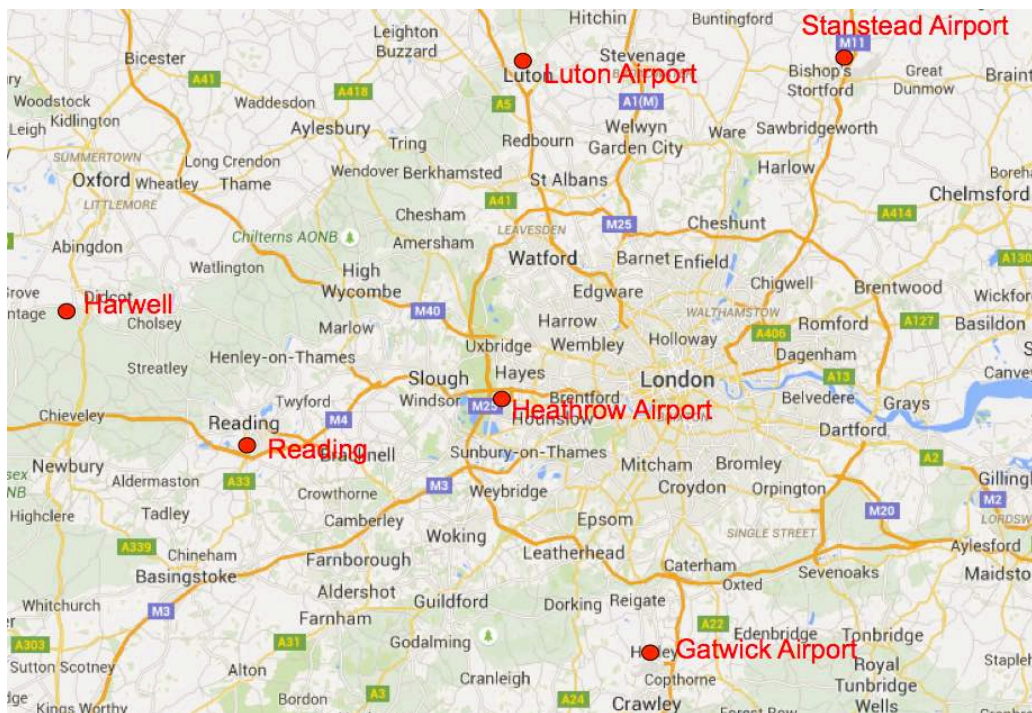


Figure above showing location of London Airports in relation to Reading and Harwell

Directions by road

From the A34 (Northbound)

Exit the A34 at Chilton Junction, branch left (signposted, Wantage), then merge onto the A4185. At the next roundabout take the 1st exit (signposted Harwell Business Centre, RAL, NRPB). Go straight across one mini-roundabout and the ECSAT building can be found on the left hand side.

From the A34 (Southbound)

Exit the A34 at the Milton Interchange Junction, the A4130 (A417) exit signposted Milton, Chilton, Didcot and Wantage. At the roundabout take the fourth exit signposted A4130 Wantage, Steventon, Drayton, Harwell. Follow this road for one and a half miles and continue straight on at the Rowstock roundabout onto the A4185. After about two miles turn right at the roundabout onto Fermi Avenue (signposted Harwell Business Centre, RAL, NRPB). Go straight across one mini-roundabout and the ECSAT building can be found on the left hand side.

From Heathrow Airport

Take the M4 motorway towards Slough, Reading and the West. Continue as far as junction 13 and then head North for about 8 miles on the A34 towards Oxford. Exit the A34 at the Chilton Junction, branch left (signposted, Wantage), then merge onto the A4185. At the next roundabout take the 1st exit (signposted Harwell Business Centre, RAL, NRPB). Go straight across one mini-roundabout and the ECSAT building can be found on the left hand side.

From Gatwick Airport

Take the M23 to London and Guildford. At junction 7/8 join the M25 to Heathrow and Watford. At junction 15, take the M4 towards Slough, Reading and the West, and continue to junction 13. Head North for about 8 miles and follow the A34. Exit the A34 at the Chilton Junction, branch left (signposted, Wantage), then merge onto the A4185. At the next roundabout take the 1st exit (signposted Harwell Business Centre, RAL, NRPB). Go straight across one mini-roundabout and the ECSAT building can be found on the left hand side.

By Train

Nearest rail station is **Didcot Parkway**, served by trains from London Paddington National Rail Enquiries: +44 (0) 8457 48 49 50 Rail Timetable & Booking website: <http://www.nationalrail.co.uk>

By Taxi or Bus from Didcot Parkway train station

The journey to the ECSAT is approximately a 15 minute drive from Didcot Parkway train station.

- Taxi Website: <http://www.traintaxi.co.uk/detail.php?webcode=3376>
- Local Bus website: <http://www.thames-travel.co.uk/connector/>
- Campus Space Shuttle: <http://www.stfc.ac.uk/files/space-shuttle/>

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By Bus from regional Airports

Airport transfers can be found at the following website: <http://www.nationalexpress.com/airports.aspx>

4 HOTELS

4.1 Main Recommended Hotel

The Organising Committee is no longer recommending a specific hotel.

(Note there will be no transport provided from the Madejski Hotel in Reading)

It is recommended that attendees who do not have access to their own transport stay either in Oxford or Reading, near the respective train stations. The train journey from Oxford or Reading to Didcot Parkway Station is reasonably quick (19 minutes for Oxford and 13 minutes for Reading).

A dedicated bus service will be provided from Didcot Parkway Station to the ESA ECSAT building leaving Didcot at 9:00am each morning. This will be suitable for:

From Oxford: 08:35 arriving 08:54

From Reading: 08:41 arriving 08:54

A return coach service to Didcot Parkway will be provided at the end of each day. (Tuesday 19:00; Wednesday 18:00; Thursday 15:45).

4.2 Hotel close to the Harwell Campus

Delegates with their own transport may wish to book a hotel in the vicinity of Harwell. Possible hotels include:

Area	Name / Address	Contact Details
Close to the ESA Harwell Centre	Ridgeway House Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Harwell Science and Innovation Campus, Didcot, Oxfordshire, OX11 0QX	Tel: +44(0)1235 445500
	Milton Hill House (De Vere) Milton Hill, Steventon, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX13 6AF	Tel: +44(0)0844 9802314 www.deverevenues.co.uk
	Steventon House Hotel Milton Hill, Steventon, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX13 6AB	Tel: +44(0)1235 831223 www.steventonhousehotel.co.uk
	Kingswell Hotel Reading Road, Harwell, Didcot, Oxfordshire, OX11 0LZ	Tel: +44(0)1235 833043 www.kingswell-hotel.com
	Premier Inn Oxford South (Didcot) Hotel Milton Interchange, Milton, Nr Didcot, Oxfordshire, OX14 4TX	Tel: +44(0)871 527 8868 www.premierinn.com

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Abingdon	Crown & Thistle Hotel Bridge Street, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 3HS	Tel: +44(0)1235 522556 www.crownandthistle.com
	Upper Reaches Hotel Thames Street, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 3JA	Tel: +44(0)1235 522536 www.upperreaches-abingdon.co.uk
	The Coseners House 15-16 Abbey Close, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 3JD	Tel: +44(0)1235 523198 www.thecosenershouse.com
Wantage	The Bear Hotel Market Place, Wantage, Oxfordshire, OX12 8AB	Tel: +44(0)1235 766366 www.thebearwantage.co.uk
Oxford	Macdonald Randolph Hotel Beaumont Street, Oxford, Oxfordshire, OX1 2LN	Tel: +44(0)1865 256400 www.macdonaldhotels.co.uk/randolph
	Remont 367 Banbury Road, Summertown, Oxford, Oxfordshire, OX2 7PL	Tel: +44(0)1865 311020 www.remont-oxford.co.uk
	Cotswold Lodge Hotel 66A Banbury Road, Oxford OX2 6JP	Tel: +44 (0) 1865 512121 www.cotswoldlodgehotel.co.uk