

NATIONAL AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTRE**AT SWANWICK, HANTS****Thursday 8th March 2012**

This visit has been organised by Peter Murden

The National Air Traffic Control Centre used to be known as the London Air Traffic Control Centre when it was based in West Drayton, Middx. It now seems to go under the label of NATS (National Air Traffic, Swanwick). The move took place about 1994/5 and the first REMS visit took place shortly after that time.

Following the security checks the group will assemble in the Viewing Room, which enables a good overview of the main air traffic control units going through their normal control operations. Since our first visit, the main control unit has been split into two separate units, one for 'Local' traffic and the other for 'Long range' traffic.

For operational safety reasons, the NATS have decided that only four visitors can be allowed in each of the operations rooms at any one time during the visit.

The total group has been restricted to twelve people, all of whom will get into the Ops Rooms during the afternoon.

Lunches will be available in a nearby pub/restaurant, The Elm Tree Inn, 1 Swanwick Lane, Swanwick Southampton, Hants SO31 7DX (Tel: 01 489 579 818).

Identification: It will probably be necessary to have one's passport or a new-style driving licence to hand in order to gain entry.

Maximum party size: 12

Provisional Itinerary.

| Time | Details |
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| 12 noon | The Elm Tree Inn |
| 1:30 pm | NATS reception for identity checks. |
| 2:00 pm | Introduction to NATS by Tim Norton in the Viewing Room. Divide into groups of four for tours of the Operations Rooms. |
| 4:00 pm | Reassemble in the Viewing Room prior to departure. |
| 4:15 pm | Depart |

Travel

- 1 By road: this is the usual method, via the M3, M27. See the map below.
- 2 By train: to Southampton Gateway then taxi (£20 each way). See map below.
- 3 By bus: see map below

Cost: £3.00



NATS

Swanwick Centre

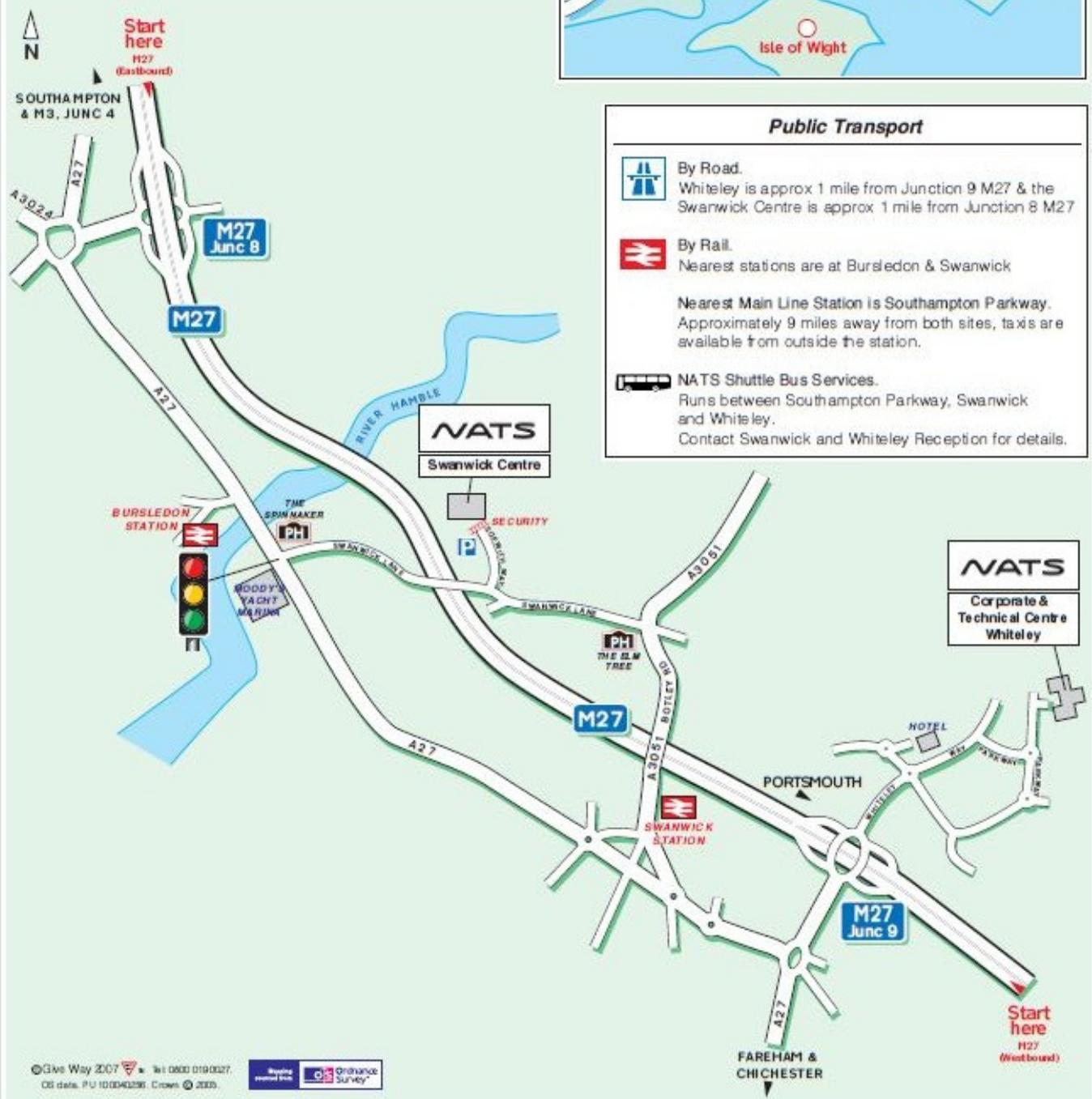
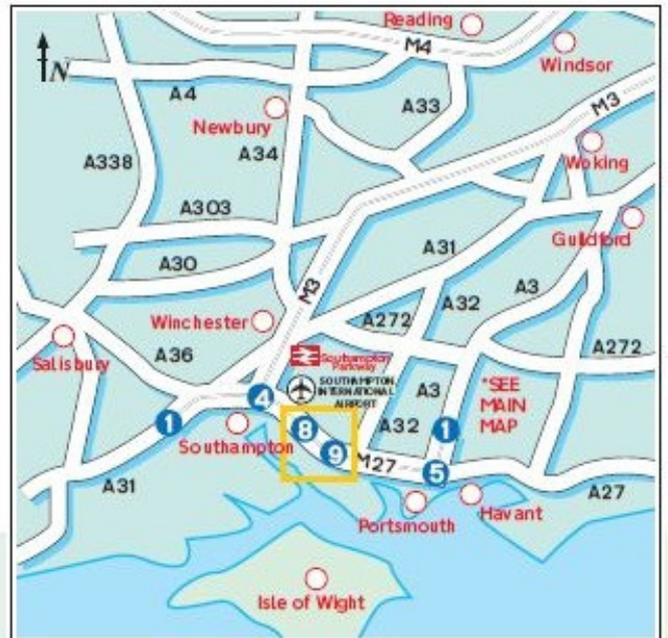
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Public Transport



By Road.
Whiteley is approx 1 mile from Junction 9 M27 & the Swanwick Centre is approx 1 mile from Junction 8 M27



By Rail.
Nearest stations are at Bursledon & Swanwick

Nearest Main Line Station is Southampton Parkway. Approximately 9 miles away from both sites, taxis are available from outside the station.



NATS Shuttle Bus Services.
Runs between Southampton Parkway, Swanwick and Whiteley.
Contact Swanwick and Whiteley Reception for details.