

Salisbury Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND)

Major protest at RAF Lakenheath as US Nuclear Bombs planned to return to Britain

On Saturday 20th May 2023, Salisbury CND joined other peace groups from throughout the UK to highlight plans to bring US nuclear bombs to RAF Lakenheath in Suffolk. Activists from Germany and the Netherlands also joined the protest.

This new generation of nuclear bombs, many times as powerful as the bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, are to be carried by US fighter jets based at Lakenheath.

There used to be US nuclear bombs based there in the past, but they were withdrawn following major public opposition. This new move to bring yet more powerful US nuclear weapons back onto UK soil has occurred without public discussion or debate within Parliament. The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament condemns the reintroduction of US nuclear weapons to RAF Lakenheath.

A Salisbury CND spokesperson said “These weapons further destabilise our fragile world. If nuclear weapons are used, radiation will not be confined by borders. The whole of humanity will be fundamentally threatened by the fallout and the nuclear winter such weapons will produce. There can be no winners from such a war”

“These weapons are thus unusable. Their existence makes accidents more likely and accelerates an unwinnable arms race, with the resultant squandering of precious resources.”



Protesters at the main gate of RAF Lakenheath, 20th May 2023

