



Here is the new training area where the British army was stationed until the year 2000

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Dortmund's new training area is the former military airport where 28745 grenades were found. Costs of the sanitation are paid for by the taxpayer

The technical director of the government J. Arendt (aged 62) has written down what his weapon demolition group has found in one and a half years: 1 demolition bomb, 1 incendiary bomb, 11 splinter bombs, 21 stick incendiary bombs, 3 phosphorus bombs, 28745 grenades, 3 anti-tank grenade launchers, 17 detonators, 1 explosive charge, 2991 kilograms of ammunition parts, 75614 kilograms of scrap.

The reason for the clearing of the camp is that this 90 Hectare big area used to be a military airport, which was shot at in the 2. World War. (100 Hectare are 1 square kilometer) 18,7 Hectare of this area will be bought by Dortmund, building 10 grass fields and a 1000 people stadium for the youth football teams at a cost of 12 million Euro.

Manager Meier says: the area will cost 3 million Euro, owner is the

Federal Government property office, 17 Euro per square meter. The clearing up with the most modern technical equipment was finished in Dec. 2003 and costs about 5 million Euro. Mr. Arendt says: We cannot give 100% guarantee but the area can be used now without danger.

Dortmund has not actually bought the area yet, but manager Meier says this is not because of financial problems of the football club. They don't have construction approval yet. As soon as they get this they will buy the area and start building. 2 or 3 football fields should be finished by the next football season.

Translated by Gary Cross from an article about the new training area of BVB Dortmund football club, published by the German "kicker" magazine.