Defence Infrastructure Organisation

SECTION 28 DIRECTION JUSTIFICATION FORM

1. MOD HOLDING:	Predannack Airfield, RNAS Culdrose		
2. TLB:	Royal Navy		
3. REGION:	South West		
4. DATE OF REVIEW:	20/10/20223		
	SHORT TERM DATES:		
	LONG TERM DATES:		
5. S28 TERM	INDEFINITE: X		

6. DESCRIPTION OF SITE:

Predannack Airfield is a training site situated on the Lizard Peninsular, Cornwall, managed by RNAS Culdrose. It consists of runways, hard standings and areas of open grassland interspersed with airfield associated buildings. Some of the site is leased from the National Trust.

7. HECTARAGE OF DIRECTION: 265.9

8. DESCRIPTION OF MILITARY USE:

Predannack Airfield is a satellite airfield of RNAS Culdrose and is used primarily by helicopters and remotely piloted air systems (RPAS). It is available twenty-four hours a day and helicopter crews utilise it for intensive, high cockpit workload sorties, where the large airfield allows crews to operate in a safe environment. The airfield is also home to a fire training area used by the Royal Naval School of Flight Deck Operations, who teach various aspects of aircraft fire fighting and rescue procedures. The RAF operate a glider squadron at Predannack conducting gliding operations, primarily at weekends.

9. CURRENT PUBLIC ACCESS:

No Public Access without the express permission of the Commanding Officer.

10. REASON FOR DIRECTION (tick all relevant)

Training efficiency	X	National Security	
Training safety	X		
Public Safety	Х	Other	

Please provide justification:

RNAS Culdrose has a responsibility of care to protect aircrew from the dangers that public access would cause, such as debris on the ground or even a person wandering into the path of an aircraft. There is a concurrent responsibility to protect members of the public from the numerous hazards associated with flying and the lighting of large fires.

Should the public be admitted on to the airfield there is no way of preventing access to aircraft operating areas or the burning ground where the live fire exercises take place. Given the imperative to ensure safety of both public and aircrew, public access would therefore impinge on flying operations and the delivery of operational capability.

Public access raises concerns for security of buildings at Predannack and the possible threat to personnel or aircraft from intruders.

Although aerodromes are excluded under CROW schedule 1 Part I (8) it is not clear in this case as to whether this site can be defined as a registered aerodrome. This is a multiple use site and therefore the reviewed s28 direction will ensure clarity in an area where no mis-interpretation of the legislation can be accepted.

11. ORIGINATOR: CU- AIR ATC SATCO		12. COMMAND REVIEW BY: WO1 (NAVY CU-AIR ATC CTLR1)				
13. DIO REVIEW: - Plymouth		14. LMS REVIEW BY: DIO LMS Estate Surveyor				
15. MAP ATTACHED:	YES X		NO			
16. RELEVANT ACCESS AUTHORITY:						
17. LOCAL ACCESS FORUM INFO	RMED:					
	ccaf	@cornwall.gov.uk.				
18. ADDITONAL COMMENTS:						
The Military Use section is still relevant. The original s28 justification remains valid and there is a continued need for a s28 CROW direction.						
Landowner - National Trust						
19. NAME OF DESIGNATED OFFICER:						
Senior Public Access and Recreation Advisor						
20. SIGNATURE ON REVIEW COM	PLETION:	DATE:				
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