

1. MOD HOLDING:	East Kent Dry Training Area		
2. TLB:	Army		
3. REGION:	South East		
4. DATE OF REVIEW:	22.10.2022		
5. S28 TERM	SHORT TERM DATES:		
	LONG TERM DATES:		
	INDEFINITE: X		
6. DESCRIPTION OF SITE:			
<p>East Kent Dry Training Area consists of several inter-connected small dry training areas dispersed inland from Hythe, Folkestone and Dover. It is of distinctly rural character with a mixture of open country and wooded areas. The dry training estate covered by Direction are small pockets of land not currently included under the existing military byelaws.</p>			
7. HECTARAGE OF DIRECTION: 66.76			
8. DESCRIPTION OF MILITARY USE:			
<p>This area is predominantly used for pre-deployment military training. 'Battle simulation', blank ammunition and pyrotechnics are used to add realism to activities. Training is often of a sensitive nature and any restriction arising from the presence of open public access would prejudice military effectiveness.</p>			
9. CURRENT PUBLIC ACCESS:			
<p>A total of 36km of public rights of way cross the area, including a number of National Trails and promoted routes. These will continue to remain open at all times. In addition to this network, MOD has granted permissive routes at the following locations 1) Peene (part of the Elham valley Way) 2) Reinden Woods, Hawkinge 3) The Roughs, Hythe 4) Lydden and 5) Bushy Ruff, Temple Ewell. There is no intention to restrict access on these routes.</p>			
10. REASON FOR DIRECTION (tick all relevant)			
Training efficiency	X	National Security	
Training safety	X		
Public Safety	X	Other	
Please provide justification:			
<p>The small pockets of access land fall outwith the current byelaw boundary.</p> <p>It is accepted by MOD that training must take place accounting for public access to the existing linear routes. However any extension of public access would severely reduce the effectiveness of military training. Pre-deployment training is of a vital and/or confidential nature and this defence activity needs to be carried out without additional disruption.</p> <p>There will be no closure of public rights of way or change to current access practice.</p> <p>MOD intends to create byelaws for this area under the current byelaw review programme resulting in this land being permanently excepted from CROW access legislation. Any byelaw proposals will be subject to public consultation.</p>			

11. ORIGINATOR:		12. COMMAND REVIEW BY: ██████████ DTE Commander SE	
13. DIO REVIEW:		14. LMS REVIEW BY: ██████████ DIO LMS	
15. MAP ATTACHED:	YES X	NO	
16. RELEVANT ACCESS AUTHORITY: Kent Council - ██████████			
17. LOCAL ACCESS FORUM INFORMED: Kent Countryside Access Forum - Access.Forum@kent.gov.uk			
18. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:			
19. NAME OF DESIGNATED OFFICER: ██████████ – Senior Public Access and Recreation Advisor			
20. SIGNATURE ON REVIEW COMPLETION: ██████████ – (E-signed)		DATE: 29.09.2022	