

1. MOD HOLDING:	Aldershot Training Area - Ash Ranges		
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>Two small parcels of land lying in the south east corner of Ash Range. Approximately one third falls inside the Range Danger Area (live firing). The areas outside the Danger Area are mainly forested, but also contain Vine Farm and its curtilage and Henley Park Lake.</p>			
7. HECTARAGE OF DIRECTION: 55.38			
8. DESCRIPTION OF MILITARY USE:			
<p>Ash Ranges are one of the most heavily used live firing area in the Home Counties Training Estate. It consists of a complex of rifle ranges situated round the perimeter of the training area, firing into the centre. A Danger Area covers approx 965 hectares of the training area. The dry training areas surrounding it function as a buffer zone between the Danger Area and the residential areas and are used for infantry tactical training. The majority of the area is covered by military byelaws and the mapped areas are small pockets that currently fall outside the existing byelaw boundary.</p>			
9. CURRENT PUBLIC ACCESS:			
<p>There are a number of footpaths in the mapped area around Henley Park Lake but none within the danger area. In addition managed access to the Danger Area is permitted under Byelaw when firing is not in progress. The s28 Direction will not alter these existing access arrangements.</p>			
10. REASON FOR DIRECTION (tick all relevant)			
Training efficiency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National Security	<input type="checkbox"/>
Training safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Please provide justification:			
<p>Due to the landscape designation arising from for the CROW mapping process a live firing danger area has been mapped as access land. It is MOD policy that all land within any Danger Area must be subject to public access restriction in the interest of clarity and public safety.</p>			
<p>The dry training area is to remain excepted under s28 to ensure a safe separation between the general public and troops when training takes place. The public will not be restricted on the existing public rights of way that pass through the dry training area nor will permissive access be affected.</p>			
<p>MOD intends to review the existing byelaw boundaries under the current Byelaw review programme. It is anticipated that following this review that this area will be byelawed and therefore automatically excepted from CROW Access. Any proposals for new byelaws will be subject to public consultation.</p>			

11. ORIGINATOR:		12. COMMAND REVIEW BY: DTE Commander SE [REDACTED]	
13. DIO REVIEW: TSO - [REDACTED]		14. LMS REVIEW BY: [REDACTED] DIO LMS	
15. MAP ATTACHED:	YES X	NO	
16. RELEVANT ACCESS AUTHORITY: Surrey County Council, [REDACTED]			
17. LOCAL ACCESS FORUM INFORMED: Surrey Countryside Access Forum Secretary - rightsofway@surreycc.gov.uk			
18. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:			
19. NAME OF DESIGNATED OFFICER: [REDACTED] – DIO Senior Access and Recreation Advisor			
20. SIGNATURE ON REVIEW COMPLETION: [REDACTED] [E-signed]		DATE: 21 st October 2022	