# Defence Infrastructure Organisation

# SECTION 28 DIRECTION ACCESS JUSTIFICATION FORM

1. MOD HOLDING:	Battle Hill Range, Catterick
2. TLB:	Defence Infrastructure Organisation
3. REGION:	North
4. DATE OF REVIEW:	30.09.22
	SHORT TERM DATES:
	LONG TERM DATES:
5. S28 TERM	INDEFINITE: X

#### 6. DESCRIPTION OF SITE:

Battle Hill Range lies in an upland area remote from centres of population. It contains rifle ranges surrounded by upland habitat typical of that in the Northern Pennines.

### 7. HECTARAGE OF DIRECTION: 88.42 8. DESCRIPTION OF MILITARY USE:

The ranges are used for rifle and machine gun training including night firing. The area is also used for dry training including battle simulation and the use of pyrotechnics. The entire site falls within a larger Danger Area. However the site is not covered by military byelaw.

### 9. CURRENT PUBLIC ACCESS:

Within the s28 are two public rights of way cross the Danger Area. During periods of live firing access along these routes is managed by the raising of red flags or illumination of red lamps and sentry. There is no intention to further restrict access.

## 10. REASON FOR DIRECTION (tick all relevant)

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

#### Please provide justification:

1. As stated, the mapped area forms part of the Battle Hill Range Complex, used for live infantry training. There should be no public open access because this is incompatible with the Defence related activity.

2. The landscape criteria for CROW mapping does not account for land use, hence without exclusion under s28 a live firing danger area could be mapped as access land. It continues to be MOD policy that all land within any Danger Area must be subject to restriction in the interest of national security and public safety.

3. Longer term the MOD intends to put in place byelaws on this site under however this proposal is several years away and will be subject to public consultation.

11. ORIGINATOR:   13. DIO REVIEW:   Principal Estates Surveyor,   Estates Division		12. COMMAND REVIEW BY:   Commander, UK Defence   Training Estate – North   Senior Training Safety Officer,   Catterick Training Area.   14. LMS REVIEW BY:   Senior Estate Surveyor, Estates   Division.				
15. MAP ATTACHED:	YES X		NO			
16. RELEVANT ACCESS AUTHORITY: Durham County Council						
prow@durham.gov.uk						
17. LOCAL ACCESS FORUM INFOR	RMED:					
laf@durham.gov.uk						
18. ADDITONAL COMMENTS:						
19. NAME OF DESIGNATED OFFICER:						
– DIO Senior Access and Recreation Advisor						
20. SIGNATURE ON REVIEW COMPLETION:		DATE:				
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