Defence Infrastructure Organisation

SECTION 28 DIRECTION JUSTIFICATION FORM

1. MOD HOLDING:	Grimes Graves, Stanford TA, Norfolk
2. TLB:	DIO
3. REGION:	East
4. DATE OF REVIEW:	29.09.2022
	SHORT TERM DATES:
	LONG TERM DATES:
5. S28 TERM	INDEFINITE: X

6. DESCRIPTION OF SITE:

A small area of open heathland surrounded by a mixture of deciduous and coniferous woodland. It is a satellite site of the main Stanford Training Area (STANTA), positioned to the south west of the main Danger Area.

7. HECTARAGE OF DIRECTION: 28.23

8. DESCRIPTION OF MILITARY USE:

This area of land is designated as a live firing Danger Area. It is a 'remote artillery firing point' used to fire artillery shells into the impact area within the main STANTA Danger Area. It is also used as a dry training area, including the use of blanks and pyrotechnics and is a communication training point.

9. CURRENT PUBLIC ACCESS:

A public footpath runs along the southern edge of the site from the road through to the English Heritage Grimes Graves area. Under site procedure red flags are flown and sentries placed at either end of this path during live firing to manage public safety and enable military training to take place. There is no intention to further restrict public access to this site.

10. REASON FOR DIRECTION (tick all relevant)

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

Please provide justification:

Note that 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.

As stated, this area is an active military training area, serving as a remote artillery firing point alongside other important and regular dry training. It continues to be MOD policy that all land within any Danger Area must be subject to restriction in the interest of clarity and public safety.

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 proposals for byelaws will be subject to public consultation.

11. ORIGINATOR:		12. COMMAND REVIEW BY: Deputy Commander				
13. DIO REVIEW:		14. LMS REVIEW BY:				
15. MAP ATTACHED:	YES X		NO			
16. RELEVANT ACCESS AUTHORITY: Norfolk County Council						
17. LOCAL ACCESS FORUM INFO	RMED:					
nlaf@norfolk.gov.uk						
18. ADDITONAL COMMENTS:						
19. NAME OF DESIGNATED OFFICER:						
DIO Senior Access and Recreation Advisor						
- DIO Senior	Access and K	ecreation Advis	or			
20. SIGNATURE ON REVIEW COM	PLETION:	DATE:				
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