Defence Infrastructure Organisation

SECTION 28 DIRECTION JUSTIFICATION FORM

1. MOD HOLDING:	Bridgham Heath, Stanford TA, Norfolk			
2. TLB:	DIO			
3. REGION:	East			
4. DATE OF REVIEW:	29.09.22			
	SHORT TERM DATES:			
	LONG TERM DATES:			
5. S28 TERM	INDEFINITE: X			

6. DESCRIPTION OF SITE:

Bridgham Heath is an area of heathland crossed with hard tracks. It is sandwiched between a main road and a railway line. It is bordered on most sides by a mixture of deciduous and coniferous trees.

7. HECTARAGE OF DIRECTION: 200.95

8. DESCRIPTION OF MILITARY USE:

The area is used for a mixture of military activities. It is a 'remote' artillery firing point and is also used for infantry training which includes battle simulation and pyrotechnics. This area is used extensively by helicopters for low level manoeuvre training. It is all within a Range Danger Area.

9. CURRENT PUBLIC ACCESS:

There is no public access to this site for safety, security and defence purposes. The site is signed, and flagged as such.

10. REASON FOR DIRECTION (tick all relevant)

Training efficiency	Х	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 is MOD policy that all land within any Danger Area must continue to 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:		LMS REVIEW BY:				
15. MAP ATTACHED: 16. RELEVANT ACCESS AUTHOR	YES ITY: Norfolk Cou	nty Council				
17. LOCAL ACCESS FORUM INFORMED: nlaf@norfolk.gov.uk						
18. ADDITONAL COMMENTS:						
19. NAME OF DESIGNATED OFFICER: - DIO Senior Access and Recreation Advisor						
20. SIGNATURE ON REVIEW COM — (E-signed)	PLETION:	DATE: 29.09.2022				