SECTION 28 DIRECTION JUSTIFICATION FORM

1. MOD HOLDING:	Barnham Training Area	
2. TLB:	DIO	
3. REGION:	East	
4. DATE OF REVIEW:	11.11.2022	
	SHORT TERM DATES:	
	LONG TERM DATES:	
5. S28 TERM	INDEFINITE: X	

6. DESCRIPTION OF SITE:

Barnham Training Area (BTA) is a satellite dry training area of Stanford Training Area (STANTA), located 9km south of STANTA.

BTA consists of a mixture of heath, scrub woodland and some bracken. The remains of a dismantled rail siding cross the site along with numerous tracks and associated structures. The site is enclosed on three sides by a coniferous plantation through which an unsurfaced driver training track runs.

7. HECTARAGE OF DIRECTION: 149.03 Ha

8. DESCRIPTION OF MILITARY USE:

BTA is intensively used 7 days a week by the RAF Regiment Training Wing, the RAF Force Protection Centre, regular and auxiliary Regiment Field squadrons, Air Defence squadrons and Cadet Forces.

The type of equipment used for training is extensive, from small arms infantry weapons to Rapier Fire Units plus a wide range of military vehicles that utilise not only the driver-training track but also off-road facilities.

The site is also used extensively by the RAF Honington for pre deployment training.

9. CURRENT PUBLIC ACCESS:

None, and the site is within a boundary fence.

10. REASON FOR DIRECTION (tick all relevant)

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

Please provide justification:					
This is an extensively used military training facility with activities, infrastructure and features that pose a significant hazard to public access. Military capability would be compromised if access were permitted. Safety of MOD staff within the adjacent camp would also be a significant concern.					
MOD intends to create byelaws for this area under the current byelaw review programme and thus this area will ultimately become excepted land. Any proposals for byelaws will be subject to public consultation.					
11. ORIGINATOR:	12	12. COMMAND REVIEW BY:			
		, Deputy Commander			
13. DIO REVIEW:	14	. LMS REVIEW BY:			
15. MAP ATTACHED:	YES x		NO		
16. RELEVANT ACCESS AUTHORIT	ΓY: Suffolk Co	unty Council	<u> </u>		
17. LOCAL ACCESS FORUM INFORMED:					
slaf@suffolk.gov.uk					
18. ADDITONAL COMMENTS:					
19. NAME OF DESIGNATED OFFICER:					
– DIO Senior Access and Recreation Advisor					
– DIO Senior Ad	cess and R	ecreation Adviso	I		
20. SIGNATURE ON REVIEW COMPLETION:		DATE:			
(E-Signed)		11.11.2022			
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