

SECTION 28 DIRECTION REVIEW FORM

MOD HOLDING:	Aldershot Training Area - Ash Ranges				
TLB:	Defence Infrastructure Organisation				
CROW AREA:	1				
DATE OF ORIGINAL DIRECTION:	5/12/2007				
CATEGORY	COMMON		OPEN COUNTRY	X	DEDICATED
S28 TERM	SHORT TERM DATES:				
	LONG TERM DATES:				
	INDEFINITE: X				
DESCRIPTION OF SITE: Two small parcels of mapped land lie 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.					
HECTARAGE OF DIRECTION: 55.38					
DESCRIPTION OF MILITARY USE: Ash Ranges are one of the most heavily used live firing area in the Defence Training Estate (DTE) Home Counties area. It is 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 acting 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.					
CURRENT PUBLIC ACCESS: There are a number of footpaths in the mapped area around Henley Park Lake but none within the danger area. In addition, open access to the Danger Area is permitted when firing is not in progress. The s28 Direction will not alter these existing access arrangements.					
ORIGINAL S28 JUSTIFICATION: 1. The habitat criteria for CROW mapping created the situation where a live firing danger area was mapped as access land. It is MOD policy that all land within any Danger Area must be subject to restriction in the interest of clarity and public safety. 2. 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. 3. 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 excepted from CROW Access. Any proposals for new byelaws will be subject to public consultation.					
REVIEW COMMENTS: The Military Use section is still relevant. The original s28 justification remains valid and there is a continued need for a s28 CROW direction.					
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MAP ATTACHED	YES X			NO	

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