

SECTION 28 DIRECTION REVIEW FORM

MOD HOLDING:	East Kent Dry Training Area				
TLB:	Defence Infrastructure Organisation				
CROW AREA:	1				
DATE OF ORIGINAL DIRECTION:	5/12/07				
CATEGORY	COMMON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OPEN COUNTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DEDICATED
S28 TERM	SHORT TERM DATES:				
	LONG TERM DATES:				
	INDEFINITE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
DESCRIPTION OF SITE: East Kent Dry Training Area consists of a number of inter-connected small dry training areas crossing the area inland from Hythe, Folkestone and Dover. It is of distinctly rural character with a mixture of open country and wooded areas. The areas mapped as access land within the dry training are small pockets of land which are not currently designated under the existing military byelaws.					
HECTARAGE OF DIRECTION: 66.76					
DESCRIPTION OF MILITARY USE: This area is predominantly used by soldiers for military training prior to operational deployment. They use 'battle simulation', blank ammunition and pyrotechnics to add realism to their activities.					
CURRENT PUBLIC ACCESS: A total of 36km of Public Rights of Way (which remain open at all times) cross the area, including a number of National Trails and promoted routes. In addition to this network, MOD has developed a permissive route that provides access to the National Trail. There is no intention to restrict access on these routes.					
S28 JUSTIFICATION: The small pockets of access land fall out of the byelaw boundary. It is accepted by MOD that their training must take place accounting for public access to the existing linear routes. However any extension of public access would severely reduce the effectiveness of military training. . Pre-operational training is of a vital and/or confidential nature and this defence activity needs to be carried out without additional disruption. There will be no closure of public rights of way or change to current access practice. 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 byelaw proposals 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					
ORIGINAL REQUEST FROM: SO2 Strategic Environmental Assessment Major Braithwaite-Exley - ATE HQ			COMMAND REVIEW BY: DTE SE Commander Lt. Col. Richard Bishop, Longmoor Camp, Liss, Hampshire, GU33 6EL		
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MAP ATTACHED:	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			NO <input type="checkbox"/>	

RELEVANT ACCESS AUTHORITY:

East Sussex County Council - Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX

LOCAL ACCESS FORUM INFORMED:

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COMMENTS:-

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SIGNATURE ON REVIEW COMPLETION:

DATE: