

SECTION 28 DIRECTION FORM

MOD HOLDING:	Barnham Training Area.				
TLB:	Defence Infrastructure Organisation				
CROW AREA:	8				
DATE OF ORIGINAL DIRECTION:	05/12/2007				
CATEGORY	COMMON		OPEN COUNTRY	X	DEDICATED
S28 TERM	SHORT TERM DATES:				
	LONG TERM DATES:				
	INDEFINITE: X				
DESCRIPTION OF SITE: Barnham Training Area (BTA) is the backdoor training area for RAF Barnham and RAF Honington. The area is enclosed within a secure fence and 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. All of the site has been mapped as open country because of the nature of the habitat.					
HECTARAGE OF DIRECTION: 149.03					
DESCRIPTION OF MILITARY USE: BTA, although small in size, is intensively used by the RAF Regiment Training Wing, the RAF Force Protection Centre, regular and auxiliary Regiment Field squadrons, Air Defence squadrons and Cadet Forces. It is intensively used during the week and at weekends. 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.					
CURRENT PUBLIC ACCESS: There is no public access to this area which falls within a secure fence.					
ORIGINALS28 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.					
REVIEW COMMENTS: The area is now used extensively by the RAF for pre-deployment training, and benefits from a Forward Operating Base, Street Façade and Improvised Explosive Device lane. Any disruption from public access would be unacceptable within pre-deployment programmes. The s28 Direction is required to remain in place to protect such training.					
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MAP ATTACHED	YES	X	NO		

RELEVANT ACCESS AUTHORITY:

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SIGNATURE ON REIEW COMPLETION:**DATE:**