

1. MOD HOLDING:	Yoxter Training Area and Range		
2. TLB:	Defence Infrastructure Organisation		
3. REGION:	Defence Training Estate SW		
4. DATE OF REVIEW:	17/10/2022		
5. S28 TERM	SHORT TERM DATES:		
	LONG TERM DATES:		
	INDEFINITE: X		
6. DESCRIPTION OF SITE:			
<p>Yoxter Training Area and Range is an area of unimproved grassland situated within the Mendip Hills in Somerset some 8km north of the Cheddar Gorge. Part of the site is a designated SSSI associated with outstanding grassland communities associated with the Mendip Plateau.</p>			
7. HECTARAGE OF DIRECTION: 151.6			
8. DESCRIPTION OF MILITARY USE:			
<p>The training area is available for small arms and dry training. It is also used heavily for helicopter training and non-tracked vehicles.</p> <p>Dry training entails the use of blank ammunition, pyrotechnics, trip flares and illuminating flares.</p> <p>There is a bivouac area suitable for up to 100 personnel which is used by both soldiers and cadet forces.</p>			
9. CURRENT PUBLIC ACCESS:			
<p>The Danger Area is closed to public access at all times with notices to that effect. There is one public right of way (PROW) across the site and one permissive path used by a riding club under formal agreement. Both are located outside the range danger area (RDA)</p> <p>In this review the RDA requires ongoing exclusion from CROW designation. This is to ensure that the Trg Safety Officer can ensure a 'safe place' for training for both the troops and the public.</p>			
10. REASON FOR DIRECTION (tick all relevant)			
Training efficiency	X	National Security	
Training safety	X		
Public Safety	X	Other	
Please provide justification:			
<p>The Military Use section is still relevant. The original s28 justification remains valid and there is a continued need for a s28 CROW direction.</p>			

11. ORIGINATOR:		12. COMMAND REVIEW BY:	
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	
13. DIO REVIEW:		14. LMS REVIEW BY:	
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	
15. MAP ATTACHED:	YES X	NO	
16. RELEVANT ACCESS AUTHORITY:			
Somerset County Council [REDACTED]			
[REDACTED]			
17. LOCAL ACCESS FORUM INFORMED:			
[REDACTED]			
Email - SLAF@somerset.gov.uk			
18. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:			
19. NAME OF DESIGNATED OFFICER:			
[REDACTED] DIO Senior Access and Recreation Advisor			
20. SIGNATURE ON REVIEW COMPLETION:		DATE:	
[REDACTED] [E-Signed]		17.10.2022	