Defence Infrastructure Organisation

SECTION 28 DIRECTION JUSTIFICATION FORM

1. MOD HOLDING:	Salisbury Plain – Upton Scudamore		
2. TLB:	Defence Infrastructure Organisation		
3. REGION:	Defence Training Estate SW		
4. DATE OF REVIEW:	17/10/2022		
	SHORT TERM DATES:		
	LONG TERM DATES:		
5. S28 TERM	INDEFINITE: X		

6. DESCRIPTION OF SITE:

A small area of steep grassland on the western fringe of Salisbury Plain Training Area on the outskirts of Upton Scudamore, Wiltshire.

7. HECTARAGE OF DIRECTION: 28.07

8. DESCRIPTION OF MILITARY USE:

The area forms part of Salisbury Plain Training Area. It forms part of the dry training area, offering an egress point in order to better exploit the western end of SPTA West. It enables the uninhibited deployment of troops and associated technical equipment at any time for repeated or extended periods of time. The area contributes to the planning flexibility of the units who train on SPTA, numbers of which continue to increase.

9. CURRENT PUBLIC ACCESS:

Access is available along public rights of way adjacent to the site. There is no intention to restrict access along these routes.

10. REASON FOR DIRECTION (tick all relevant)

Training efficiency	x	National Security	
Training safety	X		
Public Safety	Х	Other	

Please provide justification:

- 1. This forms part of the Salisbury Plain Training Area which is used for military training, including armoured and infantry. Public access is available along adjacent PROW. This arrangement provides adequate separation between the general public and troops training.
- 2. There are occasions where the military requirement is to utilise an area which requires exclusivity to ensure public safety and training efficiency, especially when new equipment is in the process of procurement.
- Some units conduct certain training practices, occasionally require a safer place, where no public is allowed.
- 4. MOD intends to modify the Byelaws to include this small additional area plus other recent land purchases at Heytesbury under the current Byelaw Review Programme. This will result in this parcel of land being excepted from CROW access legislation. Any changes in byelaws will be subject to public consultation.

11. ORIGINATOR:		12. COMMAND REVIEW BY:			
		Training Safety Officer Dry, HQ SPTA			
13. DIO REVIEW:		14. LMS REVIEW BY:			
DIO, ES&C					
15. MAP ATTACHED:	YES X	NO			
16. RELEVANT ACCESS AUTHORITY:					
Wiltshire Council,					
17. LOCAL ACCESS FORUM INFORMED:					
Wiltshire and Swindon Countryside Access Forum – rightsofway@wiltshire.gov.uk.					
nghoorway @ willom c.gov.uk.					
18. ADDITONAL COMMENTS:					
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19. NAME OF DESIGNATED OFFICER:					
 DIO Senior Access and Recreation Advisor 					
20. SIGNATURE ON REVIEW COM	PLETION:	DATE:			
					
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