## **SECTION 28 DIRECTION JUSTIFICATION FORM**

1. MOD HOLDING:	Pippingford Park Dry Training Area
2. TLB:	Army
3. REGION:	South East
4. DATE OF REVIEW:	22.10.2022
	SHORT TERM DATES:
	LONG TERM DATES:
5. S28 TERM	INDEFINITE: X

## 6. DESCRIPTION OF SITE:

The area mapped as access land forms part of the MOD freehold at Pippingford Park. It is an open heath/grassland area with deep lakes to the western fringe.

### 7. HECTARAGE OF DIRECTION: 106.69

#### 8. DESCRIPTION OF MILITARY USE:

This training area is a high intensity dry training area. Activities include infantry training and the use of smoke, pyrotechnics and vehicle training. The site is used day and night and is used for military training by soldiers immediately prior to deploying on operations. Training is of a sensitive nature and any restriction could prejudice military effectiveness.

# 9. CURRENT PUBLIC ACCESS:

There is currently no public access on this part of the Pippingford Estate. The exception is a limited number of fishing licences that permit individual access to the lakeside. The activity on the lakeside is closely controlled and restricted as necessary.

# 10. REASON FOR DIRECTION (tick all relevant)

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

## Please provide justification:

Pre-operational training is intense and its nature does not allow for open access on the grounds of safety, security and confidentiality. There is a defence requirement for this to take place without disruption.

MOD intends to create byelaws for this area under the current byelaw review programme resulting in this land being excepted from CROW access legislation. Any proposals for byelaws will be subject to public consultation.

11. ORIGINATOR:		12. COMMAND REVIEW BY:  DTE Commander SE				
13. DIO REVIEW:		14. LMS REVIEW BY: DIO LMS				
15. MAP ATTACHED:	YES X		NO			
16. RELEVANT ACCESS AUTHORITY:						
East Sussex Council Tel. Email: customer@eastsussexhighways.com						
17. LOCAL ACCESS FORUM INFO	RMED:					
East Sussex Access Forum Secretary -						
18. ADDITONAL COMMENTS:						
Landowner						
19. NAME OF DESIGNATED OFFICER:						
Senior Public Access and Recreation Advisor						
20. SIGNATURE ON REVIEW COM	PLETION:	DATE:				
– (E-signed)		22.10.2022				