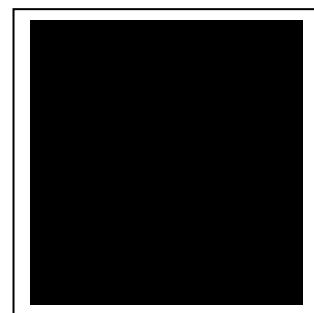


From the Chairman of the Dartmoor Steering Group



20 December 2011

Dear Secretaries of State

Renewal of the MoD's licence to train on Dartmoor

The Dartmoor Steering Group (DSG) was integrally involved in the recent review of the military's licence to train on Dartmoor.

The DSG has considered the lessons which can be learned from the way in which the exercise was carried out. The attached paper sets out those lessons and makes recommendations for all our successors to consider when the licence again comes up for renewal. The essence of these recommendation is that Ministers should consult widely and then define and publish, in advance of the start of the process, a precise and transparent procedure which should be followed by the key stakeholders and other interested parties.

I am requesting the DSG Joint Secretaries to place this letter and the attached paper on the DSG pages of the MOD and Dartmoor National Park Authority websites.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Richard S Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned in the lower left area of the page.

Richard S Thomas

Independent Chairman, DSG